

KING FOR ALL #5

Luke's Gospel

Waiting

Luke 2:22-52



B. DISCUSSION STARTER

When have you had to really wait for something – even for years?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

Why is it significant that v22-52 takes place largely in the temple in Jerusalem?
Cf. Malachi 3:1

What did the appearance of Jesus mean to Simeon and Anna? Cf. Isaiah 40:1-2, 9-11; Isaiah 52:7-10. What, according to v30-32, was to be the scope of his work?

What does Jesus' reply (v49) tell us about Jesus' self-identity and mission?

Note Jesus' use of the word "must" in v49 and compare where else Jesus uses the same word cf. Luke 4:43, 24:7, 24:44. Why does Jesus use this word?

NOTES:

V21-24. After the circumcision of a child, two rites had to be performed. First, his presentation to God (Exodus 13:1-2); second, the sacrifice of purification for the mother (Leviticus 12:2-8).

V25. *“waiting for the consolation of Israel”*: i.e. the coming of the Messiah/ promised King. Cf. Luke 24:21

The Messianic hope: The Old Testament promised that a David king would come and his kingdom would never end. This king would save God’s people and judge God’s enemies. The coming kingdom will bring God’s blessing to people from all the nations of the world, as originally promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).

Indeed, this Kingdom will ultimately involve the renewing of the entire universe and a new Jerusalem – a new place for God and his people!

(cf. Isaiah 65:17-18, Revelation 21:1-2).

V49. *Jesus’ reply could be literally translated as, “Did you not know that I must be about the things of my father”?*

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

What will it mean for you to submit to Jesus, the King?

Are you also faithfully “waiting” (v25, 38) for the return of the King and the coming of the Kingdom in all its fullness? Cf. the description of Christians in 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. What will *waiting faithfully* look like for you?

Consider how Jesus grew physically and spiritually, in favour with God and people (v40, 52). How can we make sure we are caring for our physical and spiritual health? If we have children, how can we encourage similar growth in them?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Please pray for our Church Care ministry, seeking to support those in our church family who are sick, bereaved or in need. Pray for wisdom as they share the love of Christ in practical ways.