



I'VE JUST SEEN  
**JESUS**

Luke 2:36-38 | Rev. Anthony Hao

### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever met someone where your encounter with that person made a difference in your life? Share with the group.
2. During the first Christmas, several people had an encounter with Emmanuel—God with us, and their lives were never the same. Read Luke 2:36-38. In these three short verses, we learn the big difference it can have on someone who had an encounter with God—one who had seen Jesus.

**#1: Not having seen Jesus, we long for Him (v. 36-37).** Who was Anna? What does a prophetess do? What motivated her to spend so much time serving God? Read Jeremiah 29:12-14. Can you relate to this passage? You may have never seen Jesus face to face, but how do you long for Him?

**#2: Having seen Jesus, we give thanks to God (v. 38a).** What was Anna's instant reaction when she finally met Jesus? Like Anna, do you pause to thank God for the gift of His Son not only on Christmas, but each and every day of your life? Read the following verses and share your reasons why you should thank God:

- John 3:16
- 1 John 1:7
- 1 Corinthians 15:21-22.

### **#3: Having seen Jesus, we share Him with others (v. 2:38b).**

What important thing did Anna do after she thanked God for her encounter with Jesus? Are you ever excited about your relationship with your Savior Jesus Christ? Have you ever shared about Him to others? What can you learn from the early disciples who spoke of Jesus to all (Colossians 1:23; Colossians 1:28)?

### Reflect & Respond

You cannot be devoted to God unless you have been redeemed by His Son. What is the meaning of redemption? What did it cost Jesus to redeem you? What did He free you from the instant you received His redemption? As you celebrate Christmas, what's the most important thing you should remember about this important and special day that you should always remember even on other days?

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the freedom that I have to celebrate the birth of my Savior Jesus Christ. Thank You that through Him, I am redeemed from my sin and I can enjoy an abundant life now and throughout eternity. Help me Lord to always long for Christ, to thank and to share Him with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.