

# PATIENCE *IN THE* PROMISE

## INTRO

Share what you're looking forward to this Christmas, and what you're anxious about.

## DISCUSSION

1. Was there one specific idea or verse that that God was drawing your attention?
2. Looking back at the past year, what is something that caused you to wait or something you are currently waiting for?
3. Do you think people today think they 'need salvation' ? If you reframe the question using John Stott's comment about salvation being "an old-time word for freedom," what freedoms are people looking for today?
4. Simeon and Anna both had lifelong hopes and prayers answered in a moment. Is there anything in your life that is a multi-year or multi-decade prayer request? Share how you have been changed in the waiting.
5. Anna is an example of how our ordinary practices place people in a position to see God. What spiritual practices do you hope to continue in 2025 and what new practices would you like to try in 2025?

