

Simeon Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why do you suppose God wanted Simeon to see the baby Jesus?

What did he do for Mary and Joseph?

What do you think of his statement regarding the future of the child?

Do you have a "spiritual bucket list."

Have you had the experience of sensing God's leading towards saying or doing something?

Does God indeed use human beings to carry out the tasks of the Kingdom?

Compare the way Mary found out about Jesus with Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon and the Magi.

Why do you suppose they are different?

Would Mary, Joseph and Jesus have stood out in a crowd?

Think of those who reacted negatively.

What makes the difference?