



Life Group Questions
(Advent Week 3 - Hope for the Long Haul)

1. Unpack the sermon from Sunday. What parts stood out to you the most? What questions came to mind?
2. Have you spent any time studying the passage in Luke about Simeon and Anna? Why do you think Luke includes this unique story? (None of the other gospel writers do)
3. What has been your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in our lives? Were you taught about the Holy Spirit growing up? Do you view him as a Helper or Comforter? Why or why not?
4. Read the following 4 passages where Jesus calls the Spirit, the Helper. Talk about what Jesus says the Holy Spirit will do:
 - John 14:16-17
 - John 14:26
 - John 15:26
 - John 16:7-11
5. Do you often walk in the flesh or in the Spirit? (Not necessarily sin, but simply moving ahead and making decisions on your own strength)
6. Pastor Andrew talked about 5 steps to walking in the Spirit: Acknowledging our Need, Praying for the Spirit, Trusting, Acting, and Thanking. Which of these do you find hardest to do? Why?
7. Respond to the following quote: "The child of God has 2 great marks about him...He may be known by his inward warfare - as well as by his inward peace." Have you felt this inward struggle? How so?
8. How does walking with the Spirit help us have hope for the long haul?

Spend time praying together. DON'T rush to action right away. Allow the Spirit of God to minister to you. Acknowledge your need of him. Pray that he would fill you. Trust in his presence in your life.