Small Group Bible Study Questions. Sermon by John Fortune. Dec. 7'25:
Advent: Waiting for Love (Luke 2:25-38)

From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer.

Icebreaker Question:

- What is one simple action that makes you feel loved? What is a simple way you show love to others?
- How did practicing HOPE go for you last week?

READ LUKE 2:25-38. What stands out to you?

1. Where in your life do you feel the ache that Simeon and Anna lived with—the longing for God to come near?
    - How might Advent help you name that longing honestly?
2. We use the word "love" for many beautiful human relationships. Which good love in your life is most at risk of being asked to carry more weight than it was meant to bear?
    - What would it look like to let God's **hesed-love** be the foundation instead?
3. Simeon and Anna didn't 'climb' to God; they waited for God to come to them.
    - What gets in the way of adopting a posture of "receiving" rather than "achieving" in your spiritual life?
4. Jesus is described as God's hesed made visible—steadfast love you can hold.
    - Where have you recently seen the tangible nearness of Jesus in your own story or in the life of someone you know?
5. "The love you are longing for is not something you must find—it is Someone who comes to you."
    - What would change this week if you lived as if that were true? How might your waiting look different? Your relationships? Your prayers?