



12/10/2023 "The Wonder of Those People"

1. What stood out to you from this week's message? Why?
2. Share a story from a holiday gathering? Why does this memory stick with you?
3. In your circle of family or extended family, is there someone who always seems to get under your skin? Why?
4. Read Luke 2:25-35. How might Mary and Joseph have felt as Simeon spoke about the impact Jesus would have on people? How do you think they processed Simeon's words?
5. What do you think it means, in verse 34, that Jesus would be "opposed"? How did this opposition play out in Jesus' life and ministry?
6. Why do you think joining two very different groups of people was essential to Jesus' mission?
7. Read what Paul writes in Ephesians 4:1-6. What stands out to you from these verses? Why?
8. Ephesians 4:3 emphasizes the importance of maintaining the unity of the Spirit. In what ways can the church actively pursue and preserve unity, especially when faced with differences in beliefs and practices?
9. What are the ways that we respond to the call of following Jesus? Pick one of the traits and describe what that might look like in your context.
10. Which ones do you find most difficult? Or, where do you feel God might be challenging you to grow in?
11. Where do you need God's light and life in your heart toward "those people"?
12. How can your group be praying for you over this holiday season?