



SDG Discussion Guide

All is Well: Consolation & Redemption

December 5, 2021

To begin:

Growing up, what teacher, coach, or relative made you feel special? How so?

What are some things you are, or are not, looking forward to this Advent and Christmas?

Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group now in your reading and discussion.

1. Read aloud **Luke 2:21-38**. As time allows, reread the passage from a different Bible translation. What stands out to you in the text? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you ponder it now?

2. In Simeon's two prophecies (vv 29-32, 34-5), what was he predicting about the work of Jesus? His effect on people?

3. Do you know anyone like dear old, saintly Anna? How does she complement Simeon's prophecy?

4. What impact would these startling predictions by Simeon and Anna have on all who were listening that day?

5. What do you admire about Simeon and Anna? Faithfulness in serving God? Devotion to God? Faith in the Child? Other?

6. How has Christ brought "light" to your life? How is he still "the fall and rising" of people that you know?

7. When has God brought along a "Simeon" and "Anna" to confirm something in your life? How did this affect you?

As it flows from your discussion, pray as led by the Spirit.

*The discussion questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).