

Sermon 12/12/21

### **“Five People and Jesus... Simeon”**

#### **Bible Readings:**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 2:22-35

- Re-Read the Scripture for this week.
- If someone prophesied about you what would you want them to say about you?
- What is the most exciting sporting event you have attended?
  - Was it joyful for you?
  - Do you get that excited and joyful about Jesus?
    - Do you “get airborne” when you celebrate Jesus or do you hold back?
      - Why do you celebrate the way you do?
- When do you praise God> Do you praise Him in the midst of devastation like Noah?
  - Do you praise Him like David, not for what He gives you, but rather for being above and beyond and being our Creator?
  - Will your praise help others to see God?
  - How can we help each other to praise like those that have come before us?
- Pastor JD told us that “Rejoice” comes from the Latin word “Gaudete” meaning to be joy filled.
  - How do you Rejoice?
    - How do you share your joy with others?
- Simeon rejoiced with his whole heart; singing, dancing, and praising God.
  - The early Christians rejoiced while they were killed.
  - Cheerleaders came about to tell people when and what to cheer.
  - As Christians, we don’t need that. We have the Holy Spirit.
  - What do we do when it comes time to cheer, praise and tell the world about Jesus?
    - What will you do?
- How will this sermon change the way you praise God, and rejoice in our Savior?