

Living in the Ordinary

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

Series: Come, Follow Me

Rituals

- 8 days
- 31 days
- 40 days

These rituals underscore Jesus' _____.

- Galatians 4
- Matthew 3
- Luke 2

The humanity of Jesus emphasizes for us the _____
(God with us).

The Ordinary

God chose the _____ and the natural, the _____
and the ordinary, to _____ his extraordinary love to
us.

Sometimes what is required is that we rely on what we know to
be true in our head and heart, and perhaps even cling on with our
fingertips to faith, against all the odds.

The miracle of the Gospel is that the Word became _____
and has dwelt _____ us.

The Christian experience is simply this: our everyday lives, with all
their joys and celebrations, pains and tears become
_____ by the _____ of God to and in us.

Start talking.

- When you were growing up, what teacher, coach, or relative made you feel special? How did they do that?

Start thinking.

- What Mosaic laws are being fulfilled by this presentation? How do these events parallel Jesus' mission? What does his name mean?
- What does this temple ceremony reveal about his parents?
- In Simeon's two prophecies, what was he predicting about the work of Jesus?
- What impact would these predictions by Simeon and Anna have on all who were listening that day?

Start sharing.

- How has Christ brought "light" into your life?
- How is he still the cause of "rising and falling" of people throughout the world?
- When has God brought a "Simeon" or an "Anna" to confirm sorting in your life? How did that make you feel?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, sometimes I admit that I want the super-god that is constantly performing the miraculous. Help me to see the evidence of your love and moving in the things and people that are ordinary parts of my life. Help me to be that to someone else as well as I seek you daily.

Start Doing:

- Celebrate God's steadfast love as you live your life.
- Look for where God is doing something in the ordinariness of life, and join Him.
- Acknowledge and thank God for His faithfulness in the past and place your current struggles at his feet and receive and live into the hope of what only He can do in your life.