

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon for Dec 29&30, 2018

Jesus was 'redeemed' to be our Redeemer

(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)



- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
 - Share some traditions that your family has to help remember things.
- **Grow** (read the following aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

Exodus 13:1-3 & 13b (NIV)

13 The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.” ³ Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand.

¹³ ... Redeem every firstborn among your sons.”

Luke 2: 22-30

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to be consecrated?
 - What was God’s plan for Jesus, which the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon?
 - What are some ways that people celebrate the traditions of Christmas without knowing or believing in the reason for those traditions?
- **Serve**
 - Who might God want you to share the true meaning of Christmas with?
 - **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**