



HANG OUT (10-15 minutes)

Not everyone will arrive right on time, so it's okay to give yourself a buffer. Put on background music, set out snacks, rearrange furniture to promote conversation, and greet people as they show up. After everybody's arrived you can gather for a game.

ACTIVITY (15-30 minutes)

There's no need to rush through an ice breaker question! People need time to hang out, have fun, and get to know each other better. Think through activities that make memories, induce laughter, create inside jokes, and help the group connect more.

Suggestions: Charades, Heads Up, Codenames, Never Have I Ever, Jack Box

SHIFT (5 minutes)

It's important to make an intentional transition into study & discussion. You can do this by moving rooms, breaking into smaller groups, bringing down the lighting, or changing the background music. This is a crucial step in taking your group deeper.

Suggestions: Head Space / Calm App, Prayer, Change Rooms, Split Up

STUDY (45-60 minutes)

SET THE STAGE - Listen to Luke 2:25-38 using the Dwell App or YouVersion.

ENTER THE STORY - Watch Simeon: <https://youtu.be/A5nu0aQ4y1Q>

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT ① How do you see yourself in Simeon's story?

- ② When was a time in your life you had to wait for something? How did you feel?
- ③ How can you experienced the darkness and brokenness of the world?
- ④ What does Jesus mean to you? How has He given you hope?