



## SCRIPTURE:

### LUKE 2:22 AND 36-38

- The text says about Anna, “she was very old.” Also mentioned is her lineage as part of the tribe of Asher. This, along with the fact her story is mentioned in the Gospel indicates she has value. What words would you use to describe Anna?
- Anna’s story is told as a parallel to Simeon’s. His story includes the words spoken about Jesus, to Mary and Joseph. What do you think it was that Anna said aloud? Can you write out her statement?

### PSALM 115:4-8

- Take a look at Isaiah 44:6-23 for an expanded description about idols as powerless and ineffectual. We all have things – what things bring you joy? What things are “powerless and ineffectual?”
- Often, the accumulated dust on an object speaks to its usefulness. What is the dustiest thing in your house? Why? Or, maybe the question is, why do you own/keep it?

### MARY AND MARTHA

- Read Luke 10:26-28; this is the essence of our faith. How do Mary and Martha love with their heart, soul, strength and mind?
- Consider verse 38; how many disciples do you think were with Jesus? Can you resonate with Martha’s reaction? What is your natural reaction to hosting a large group?
- Jesus’ visit to Mary and Martha’s home provides an opportunity to consider different responses to a shared experience. Have you ever reacted differently than someone else, even during a shared experience? Do you have a different memory of an event than someone else present at that event? What does this help you learn about yourself?
- During this time of sheltering, have you spent time sitting and listening, or going and doing? Make a list of how you have experience either, or both. Circle the ones you plan to carry forward from this time of crisis.

**RESET** from Luke 10:41-42 “one thing is needed”  
how will you sit and listen, and/or go and do?