

## The Witnesses of Christmas

Luke 2:25-40

### Luke's Cast of Christmas Characters

Zechariah and Joseph (Fathers)

Elizabeth and Mary (Mothers)

Worshipers and Neighbors (Friends)

John and Jesus (Sons)

Herod and Caesar ("Kings")

Shepherds and Angels (Heralds)

Simeon and Anna (Witnesses)

The work of Christmas begins when we come to Jesus' home for Christmas.

- 1.) Turn your heart to Jesus (1:17)
- 2.) Allow your heart to break open (2:35, 37)
- 3.) Bless and thank God for his gifts (2:28, 38)
- 4.) Pay attention to Jesus' coming in the lives of those around you. (2:27, 38)
- 5.) Speak truthfully into the triumph and tension of Jesus's birth (2:30, 35, 38)