

# THE BOY JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

December 27, 2020

Luke 2:41-52

## I. The Foundation of the Christian Life. — Lk 2:46-50

Jesus clearly knew his identity as the Son of God at the age of 12. As ones who have completely trusted in Christ's life and work for salvation, we too are now sons and daughters of God. What does it mean to live as the children of God? How does this new identity change the way we live?

It is not \_\_\_\_\_ you are but \_\_\_\_\_ you are that is the foundation of the Christian life.

### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Jesus fostered his relationship with God the Father in both community and solitude. As we see later in Jesus's life and ministry, intimacy with the Father was a means of nourishment in the way Jesus lived and functioned.

In what ways is God calling you to foster intimacy with himself this next year? What steps can you take to foster intimacy with God?

Who has God placed in your life that you can encourage and disciple in their walk with Christ? What would it look like for you to invest in someone else spiritually this next year?



II. Practices of Spiritual Growth. — Lk 2:46-47

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### SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

#### 1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 2:41-52. This is the only account we have of Jesus's boyhood in the Gospels. Why would Luke include this story in his Gospel account? What do we learn about Jesus in this account that is indicative of the rest of his life and ministry?

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After being found by Joseph and Mary, Luke records that Jesus went with them to Nazareth and was obedient or submissive to them. What implications does this have for us and the way we follow the example of Jesus?

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#### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

We see a love and devotion to God as Father in the life of Jesus as a boy in this passage. When did you begin to sense a similar love and devotion to God as Jesus exhibits in this passage? How has God grown your love and devotion to him over the years? If you haven't sensed a love or devotion to God or you haven't seen growth either, consider why that might be the case and talk with someone about it.

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#### **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$8,345.00

This Month: \$22,298.00

Last Month: \$33,689.00

Monthly Budget: \$25,501.00



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