

THE EARLY YEARS

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



Luke 2:41-52

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the story of Jesus at age 12 stood out to you the most, and why?
2. Why do you think Luke included this story about Jesus' childhood when there are so few details about those years?
3. What does this passage show us about Mary and Joseph's practice of faith as a family?
4. Jesus said he had to be in his Father's house (or about his Father's business). What do you think that reveals about his priorities—even at a young age?
5. Which of the three takeaways connected with you most: practicing faith consistently, in community, or with your children—and why?

Heart-Level Reflection Questions

1. Is your practice of faith right now more shaped by consistency or convenience? What makes it hard to be consistent in this season?
2. Mary and Joseph built their lives around non-negotiable rhythms of worship. What are the non-negotiables in your life—and what tends to get bumped when things get busy?
3. When Mary and Joseph lost Jesus, the first place they looked was among their community. Who are the people you look to when your faith feels shaken or uncertain?
4. Jesus said He had to be about His Father's business. What does being "about the Father's business" look like in your everyday life right now—and where does it feel costly?
5. Mary and Joseph didn't fully understand Jesus, yet they continued to walk in obedience. Where are you being asked to trust God even when you don't fully understand what He's doing?

NOTES:

VERSE TO MEMORIZE

Luke 2:49

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"