

Jesus: Celebrating all that He is – Holiday Sermon Series

Message Summary: We don't give much thought to Jesus growing up, developing into adolescence and then into manhood. But of course He did. Luke is really the only New Testament author who gives us information about these early years. He speaks generally about Jesus' growth as well as specifically about Jesus' capacity as a young boy of 12. At each stage of His life, Jesus demonstrated He knew His purpose for His life on earth.

Jesus - The Boy with a Purpose - Part 2

Luke 2:39-52

1. Well-Rounded Development – Luke 2:39,40

- A. His Place of Growth

- B. His Progress of Growth

2. Whole-Hearted Amazement – Luke 2:41-52

- A. The Occasion

- B. The Separation

- C. The Wisdom

- D. The Explanation

LifeGroup Questions

Begin It (5 min) – Time praising the Lord and pray that God leads the study.

Open It (10 min) – What do you find most characteristic of young adolescents?

Explore It (60 min) – Before you begin to answer the questions, read Luke 2:39-52 and read the sermon outline. As you read the outline, allow people to share their notes and comments after each sermon point.

1. What kind of pattern or model were Mary and Joseph setting for Jesus by their family traditions?
2. How often do children carry on the habits and beliefs that really are significant to their parents?
3. What happens when parents try to pass on to their children beliefs or habits which they do not have themselves?
4. How does this story illustrate the tension Jesus may have felt between obedience to His Father and obedience to His earthly parents?
5. How did Jesus demonstrate His uniqueness as the Son of God?

Apply It (15 min) – In what way should we strive to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and others?
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