

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 6, 2008

Scripture Passage: Luke 2:40-52

Memory Passage: Luke:2:52

Today: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

Day 1- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Approximately how much time passes between v.39 and v.42? Approximately how much time passes between v.51 and the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry? Why does Luke choose to relate this one incident from Jesus' childhood?

2. Where did Joseph and Mary go every year? What does this say about their spiritual life?

3. What are some regular things that we engage in that might be a measure of our spiritual life?

4. Read Malachi 1:6-14. Is regularity of worship always pleasing to God? Why or why not?

Day 2- ASK FOR INSIGHT

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1. Where did Jesus come from?

2. How were Palestine and Nazareth viewed by most people? See John 1:46. How does this detail fit in with what you know about the way God operates?

3. Why did Joseph and Mary not realize that Jesus was not with them? Were they careless parents?

4. What are some ways in which we might take our children for granted?

Day 3- ASK FOR INSIGHT

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1. Who was Jesus' father? See vv. 48, 49.

2. What is the significance of Jesus saying, "My Father's house" in v.49? Was this the normal way for a Jew to speak of God? Was this a claim of divinity? See John 10:29-39.

3. How is looking at God as Father different from the other ways in which He is looked at? How are we to think of God? See Rom. 8:15,16 and Heb. 12:5-11.

4. How is our relationship to God like that of Jesus? How is it different?

Day 4- ASK FOR INSIGHT

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1. Was staying behind in the Temple wrong for Jesus? Was He being self-centered? Why or why not?

2. How can family interfere with God's plans for us?

3. Was Mary justified in being indignant with Jesus?

4. Read v. 50. Why did Joseph and Mary not understand what Jesus was saying to them? How do you think this affected Jesus? Think in terms of what v. 51 says about Jesus relation to His earthly parents.

5. How can you be more sensitive to what God is doing in your child's life?

Day 5- ASK FOR INSIGHT

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1. Why is it important to us that Jesus developed in the same way we do (physically and intellectually)? See Heb. 4:15 and 5:8.

2. What does it mean to grow in wisdom? Is lack of wisdom a sin?

3. Why were people in the Temple amazed by Jesus?

4. Read vv. 40 and 52. What is the most important thing we need in life?

5. Is there a difference between having favor and seeking favor with men? How would you explain the difference?

Day 6- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back over what you have learned this week. Thank God for Jesus who "emptied Himself" to become the Savior of sinful people like you and me.

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Remember Who You Are