Luke 2:39-52

Jesus _____ who he is and what his purpose is as

the _____.

Only by _____ and ____ who Jesus is can we become the _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- 1. Adolescence is a hard time for almost everyone. When you think back to your time in middle school and even high school, how would you describe that period of your life? Discuss with your group what it was like for you to try to understand who you were during that time, who you wanted to become, and who you would eventually become as an adult.
- 2. This fall, The Bridge has spent a fair amount of time talking about and teaching on the 5 Cs of discipleship. The second C is Competency in Doctrine and Doing. Sunday, Matt shared about the importance of our need to continue to grow in our doctrinal competency as Christians. How would you rate yourself in regard to doctrinal competency concerning foundational Christian teachings? What are some areas you need to be challenged in regarding your understanding of orthodox Christian teachings?
- 3. One specific area of Christian teaching Matt spoke about Sunday was how in the Incarnation, Jesus Christ was fully God and fully human, technically termed the *Hypostatic Union*. This truth is difficult to fully comprehend, yet is foundational to the Gospel. Discuss how you think the Gospel message breaks down if we deviate from a declaration of the fullness of God and fullness of man present in Jesus.
- 4. In the culture in which we currently live, which do you think is harder for most people to believe regarding Jesus Christ, his full humanity or his full deity? If you were to engage a neighbor or co-worker in a conversation about the gospel and they were to deny either Jesus' humanity or deity, how would proceed? What passages of Scripture would you take them to in order to give them insight to the Scriptures' claims about Jesus' humanity and deity?

