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Introduction:

The King's Business starts with FAITHFULNESS

Luke 2:41-42

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

Deuteronomy 16:16

"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths."

Faithfulness in the ordinary is where the King's business begins.

The King's business doesn't always look spectacular—it looks consistent.

Priorities today, impact generations tomorrow!

The King's Business is about PROXIMITY

Luke 2:43-46

And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

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To be about the King's business, we must stay close to the King.

The King's Business is about PRIORITY

47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48** And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." **49** And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

δεῖ (dei) – "it is necessary", "I must"; expresses divine necessity or mission

en tois tou patros mou - "in the things of my Father"

The King's Business Produces GROWTH

Luke 2:50-52

50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. **51** And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. **52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Growth like the King:

Obedience- Faithfulness in the ordinary
Identity- Awareness of who we belong to
Submission- Humility matures us for God's use
When we align with the Father's business, He shapes us for His purposes.

GROUP DISCUSSION

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Prayer Requests:

Discussion Questions:

- What does Jesus' hunger for God teach us about spiritual priorities?

Supporting passages to read aloud:

John 4:34 – “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.”

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- How does Jesus' “must” challenge the way we view our own lives?

Supporting Passages to read aloud:

Luke 9:23- And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Romans 12:1- I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Acts 20:24- But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.