

Luke 2:41-52: The Greatest Goal

Luke 2:41-50 (NIV)

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be **in my Father's house**?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Luke 22:70-23:1 (NIV)

⁷⁰ They all asked, "**Are you then the Son of God?**" He replied, "You say that I am."

⁷¹ Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips." ¹ Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate.



Big Truth:

Luke 2:51-52 (NIV)

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Homework

1. _____ what pleases God. Get in the Scripture.

- Consider a daily Bible reading plan.

2. _____ what pleases God _____.

- Obey the authorities in your life
- Love your wife. Respect your husband.
- Train your children.
- Honor your grandparents.
- Treat others with value.
- Develop disciples.

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Discussion Questions

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1. What impacted you the most from today's teaching (or throughout this series thus far)?
2. Read **Luke 2:41-47**. Although Jesus was 12 years old at this point, what do we learn that shows us He is wise beyond His years? Why is that significant?
3. Read **Luke 2:48-50**. How does this story demonstrate that Jesus is preparing for the time when He must please His heavenly Father at the cost of displeasing fans, friends, & family? Why is that significant?
4. What are some the issues in which followers of Jesus must choose to please God or please others, but will be unable to do both?
5. How could reading the Bible daily help you to KNOW what pleases God? What are some simple ways that you can DO what pleases God this week (home, work, serving others)?

* Pray for one another & ask God for opportunities to share Jesus & develop disciples.