

# Bible study for the week starting January 3, 2021 Hope is Born: In My Father's House

#### **SHARE**

1. What are some of your earliest memories of worship? Did you like going? Was there something that "clicked" in your life that made you appreciate it more? What's the benefit for you in being "in worship?"

### **READ/STUDY/DISCUSS**

- 2. Read 1 Kings 3:4-15. You hear this description of Solomon asking for God's gift of wisdom, and then you realize that even this was just a shadow of the wisdom that would be witnessed in Jesus. Jesus was literally the infinite wisdom of God personified in human form. What's the "if" in 1 Kings 3:14, and what do we see Solomon do right after he wakes up from his dream? (Pretty smart thing to do, by the way.)
- 3. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. We often describe worship as one of the places where God offers precious gifts to us. In these verses, what "gifts" does God offer
- 4. Read Luke 2:41-52. This is one of the only stories of the first 30 years of Jesus' life, the first recorded words of Jesus in the Bible, and the only recorded words of the first 30 years of Jesus' life. Why do you think Luke included this one?

#### PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER!

One of the many fantastic gifts God gives to His Church is the ability to pray for and with one another. Spend some time in communication with God in this way, for and with one another.



## In My Father's House Luke 2:41-52 January 3, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

The FIRST recorded WORDS of Jesus:

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" -Luke 2:49

"IT IS NECESSARY" = compulsion to do the RIGHT thing under the circumstances, especially regarding God's plan of SALVATION

If it's good enough for Jesus...

Why the Father's house?

- 1. To HEAR the WORD of God.
- 2. To ABIDE in the PRESENCE of God.
- 3. To GATHER with the PEOPLE of God.

Jesus clearly knew <u>WHO</u> He was and <u>WHERE</u> He belonged; do you?

**LOST** and **FOUND**