BLOOM: In Your Family Luke 2:41-52

Life Group Discussion Questions:

- 1. Discuss a time you accidently left someone behind or lost them during a group trip or activity?
- 2. Read Psalms 139:13,16. What do these verses say about God's power and grace in your current circumstances?
- 3. Read Luke 2:41-45. Why did Jesus' parents go to Jerusalem every year? How did Jesus get left behind in Jerusalem?
- 4. Discuss why you think Jesus stayed behind? What did his staying in the temple say about his relationship to God and his desire to learn and grow? How might Jesus' decision have impacted his parents and others in their traveling group?
- 5. Read Luke 2:46-50. Why did 3 days pass before Mary and Joseph found Jesus? What were the effects of Jesus' questions and answers on the teachers in Jerusalem?
- 6. How did Mary respond when she and Joseph finally found Jesus? What was Jesus' response to His parents' frantic arrival?
- 7. Read Luke 2:51-52. After this event, how might Jesus' submission to his parents impacted them and others in his family?
- 8. How does this story illustrate the tension Jesus may have felt between obedience to His Father and obedience to His earthly parents?
- 9. Of the four ways in which Jesus grew (in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God, in favor with man), which one needs the most work in your life?
- 10. Within the context of your family, how can you submit out of reverence for Christ?