

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Knowing Where to Look*

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
- Jesus, Luke 2:49 (NIV)

Discussion

1. When we lose a remote in our house we usually ask the person looking for it, "Did check inside the couch?" More recently it's, "Did the dog eat it?" Share with the group a time when you found something that was lost. When you found this item was it in a place you expected to find it? Was it an obvious place or someplace else? After finding it did it then make sense as to how it got lost?
2. Read aloud Luke 2:41-52. With a partner each of you summarize the chapter in your own words. Help each other fill in the gaps. Re-read aloud the parts that were most intriguing to you.
3. Describe how it must have been for Mary and Joseph to not know where Jesus was for three days. What factors would have led to such a long separation? How would this story be told differently if it occurred in present day?
4. Mary and Joseph are surprised to find Jesus in the temple and they believe that he has not treated them properly. What does Jesus' reply to his parents teach them about Jesus' source of comfort, wisdom, hope, and strength?
5. How can we use this story as example of where to go and who to turn to when we have something very important to us?

Application

6. How will you put into practice what you learned from Luke 2:41-52?
7. Who are you going to share what you experienced from God from Luke 2? What can you pray about from this passage?

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