



Life Group Discussion Guide

**Conversations with Jesus**

**A Parent's Question; Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:41-52**

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Main Thought: Growing up is not about how old you are. It's about moving into a deeper and more authentic relationship with God, ourselves, others and the world.

Sunday Outline:

- The Pilgrimage (vs. 41-42)
- The Problem (vs. 43-45)
- The Discovery (vs. 46-47)
- The Conversation (vs. 48-50)
- The Resolution (vs. 51-52)
- The Applications

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- What did you learn about doubt and your relationship with Jesus?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- We all need someone to guide and guard our growing up. Share a formative experience with a guide or guard from you middle-school years.

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*).

Review Luke 2:41-52 as a group and discuss the following questions.

- How do you evaluate Jesus' behavior in not going home with His parents? Was Jesus at fault or were they? (vs. 43-44)
- Why was Jesus so engrossed in the Temple? How was His interaction with Jerusalem's top teachers important to His development and how did it relate to His calling? (vs. 46-47)
- Why did Jesus have to obey His parents? (vs. 51)
- What does it mean that "the grace of God was upon Him"? (vs. 40) Why was it necessary for Jesus? What is it necessary for us?



- Since Jesus was already God the Son, why did He have to grow in understanding and wisdom? (vs. 40, 52)

Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 20 minutes)*

Read Luke 14:25-35 and discuss the following questions.

- Why does Jesus tell us that we must hate family members, even hate our own lives to be His disciple? (vs. 25-26)
- What exactly is the cost of following Jesus? (vs. 27)
- If Jesus wanted people to follow Him, why does He seem to go out of His way to discourage them from following Him?
- What is true of the one who does not count the cost? (vs. 28-33)
- Based on these parables, what changes does Jesus want us to make in our lives?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Jesus puts the Father at the center of His world and He asks us to do the same. Have you ever made the decision for Jesus, God the Son, to be the center of your life?
- How can our inability to submit to authority over our life affect our relationship with God? Is there an authority you have struggled to submit to in your life? Ask God for the strength to submit.
- How is our relationship with other people vital to our spiritual growth? Are there any relationships you need to mend?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*