

Today:
January 11, 2015

Scripture Focus: Luke 2:41-52

Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what he was talking about.

So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

(Luke 2:41-20, The Message)

Notes from Worship:

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

Questions for Discussion:

- What questions do you imagine that Jesus asked the temple teachers?

- How do you think Jesus felt when his parents found him?

- What might the teachers' response been to this precocious child?

This Week:
January 12 - 17

Scripture Readings:

Monday 1/12	Tuesday 1/13	Wednesday 1/14	Thursday 1/15	Friday 1/16	Saturday 1/17
Psalms 97-99	2 Samuel 24; 1 Chron. 21- 22; Psalm 30	Ps. 108-109	1 Chronicles 23-26	Psalms 131, 138-139, 143-145	1 Chron. 27- 29; Psalm 68

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

What does it mean for the Lord to reign today? Where do you see God reigning?

Tuesday

What do you think was wrong about David taking a census of Israel? (2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21)

Wednesday

What would it mean for God to save you according to God's unfailing love? (Psalm 109:26)

Thursday

Which job in Israel would you have liked to do (Levite, Priest, Musician, Gatekeeper, Treasurer)? Why?

Friday

Which of these Psalms do you resonate with the most? How so?

Saturday

Why do you think David made plans to build a Temple? (1 Chronicles 28)

Taking Scripture to Heart:

As we go beyond Christmas and focus more on the life and teachings of Jesus, our memory text continues with **Hebrews 1:1-3a**. Let these verses dwell within you, to help you focus on Jesus Christ, the center of our faith.

Next Sunday: January 18, 2015

Theme: Jesus – His preparations for ministry

Scripture Focus: Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13