



## Comfort & Joy: Glimpses of Jesus

Luke 2:41-52

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

 Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 When you were a kid what did you want to be when you grew up? If you have grown children, when they were little did you ever catch glimpses in them of what they would later do or become as adults?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?
- 3 Had you read or heard about the story of Jesus' boyhood in Luke 2 before? How does that story compare with other stories of His childhood in non-Biblical writings?
- 4 Have you ever lost a child? What do you think it was like for Mary and Joseph when they lost Jesus?

- 5 Sometimes when God doesn't do what we want or expect him to do we try and shift the blame off ourselves and onto Him. How do you see this happening with Mary in Luke 2:48? Have you ever acted like Mary in this way?
- 6 Was Jesus wrong/did He sin, when he stayed behind in Jerusalem?
- 7 Mary and Joseph did not understand the saying that Jesus spoke to them. The disciples often did not understand Jesus' words and actions. What do you think keeps us from understanding Jesus?
- 8 How do you catch a glimpse of Jesus' divinity in these verses? How do you catch a glimpse of his humanity?
- 9 Jesus said, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house/about my Father's business?" What was the "Father's business" that Jesus had to be about? In your own words, what did Jesus come to the earth to do? Would others describe you as someone who is "about the Father's business?"
- 10 Jesus humbled himself to learn – he was willing to listen to others and ask questions in order to grow. Do you have this same attitude? John Piper said, "Most people are not eager to understand more of God than they already know." Is that true of you?
- 11 Romans 8:29 says, "For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son." In what areas do you want to see the Holy Spirit conform you more into the image of Jesus? What was the point of the story Brandon told about Robertson McQuilken, the former president of Columbia Bible College and Seminary?

### **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?