



Deer Park Church
LifeGroup Study Guide

Week of 2 December 2018

- 1) How would you describe your normal Christmas? What kinds of things or traditions do you keep going from when you were a kid; what kinds of things are a bit of a 'newer' normal for you at Christmas?
- 2) Read Luke 2:41-44. What do you think Jesus' family trip to Jerusalem to the Passover celebration would have been like; what do you imagine would have been 'normal' for that trip?
- 3) Although in a different time and place, how do you think that Jesus' annual family experience might have been similar to some of our own traditions around Christmas?
- 4) Continuing in Luke 2:45-52, how do you think Mary and Joseph would have felt during the time when they were looking for Jesus? What kinds of things would they have said to one another the evening after they found him, when they were getting ready for bed?
- 5) Why do you think that just this one story of Jesus' childhood is included in the Bible? What does it teach us about Jesus? How do you think it applies to our own situations? Why do you think that it was important enough to include in Luke's Gospel? Compare the parallels in 1 Samuel 2:12-26.
- 6) In Luke 19:28-44 Jesus again enters Jerusalem, but as an adult. What do you think his feelings would have been to come into Jerusalem as an adult, knowing that he had come there yearly for the same festival as a child? Compare Jesus' interactions as a child and as an adult in Luke 20:1-8.
- 7) How does thinking about Jesus as someone who grew up with a childhood somewhat similar to ours help us to understand him better? How does it affect the way that we think about how our own childhood influences us, and about what we think God thinks about it? What is one thing about Jesus' childhood that might be helpful for you as you think about your own childhood, and the way that it still has an impact on you today?