

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Scripture: Luke 2:39-52



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the unique Son of God who humbly took on human nature and underwent physical, intellectual, and spiritual maturation to fulfill his role as the Messiah.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Why do you think Luke included this story in his Gospel account?
- Why did the incarnate Jesus need to mature physically, intellectually, and spiritually (verses 40 and 52)? Why was it necessary for the Messiah to be human and divine? Discuss the dangers of overemphasizing one of Jesus' natures over the other.
- What drew Jesus and his family to Jerusalem? Like Mary and Joseph, do you prioritize regular and consistent fellowship with God's people and gathering for worship? Do you teach that to your children?
- Why did Jesus remain in Jerusalem following the feast? Did Jesus sin or intentionally cause Mary and Joseph to worry?
- What does Jesus' response indicate about his identity, calling, and mission (Verses 48-49)? How does Jesus' reference to God as Father indicate his unique relationship with God?