

what are you seeking?

Where will we find Jesus?

Principle one:

We will find Jesus in the midst of _____.
Luke 2:41-43 (cf. Luke 6:12-16; Luke 10:22)

Application one:

To find Jesus this year you must make _____
_____.

Principle two:

We will find Jesus in the _____.
Luke 2:44-47 (cf. Luke 13:23-24; Luke 14:15-24)

Application two:

To find Jesus this year you must play _____
_____.

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TAKE HOME TRUTH

Foster an _____ for the _____.

Luke 2:48-52 (cf. Luke 22:41-42)

How to foster...

A. _____ questions

Is there a commandment to obey?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a declaration about God?

B. _____ a record

Record your thoughts on the passage

Record the best verse from the passage

Record the main idea, or take home truth

C. _____ a reflection

Make a confession to the Lord

State a conviction about the passage

Declare your thanks to God

Today's Core Practice:

Bible Study: I read the Bible to know God, the truth and to find direction for my daily life. (from Hebrews 4:12).



Deeper Connection Study

This section closes what is known as the infant narrative of Luke 1-2 (though Jesus is 12 years old in this scene). It is a pronouncement about Jesus - his character and mission. It informs us that Jesus has not only been raised by his parents to honor and love God, he has a special relationship with God the Father. Herein we see evidence of Jesus understanding his purpose in life.

Today's Core Practice discussed: Bible Study.

Read Luke 2:41-52

1. Why did Jesus and his family travel to Jerusalem (vv. 41-42; cf. Deut. 16:1-6)? Why was this event important?
2. How long did Jesus remain in the city before he was found (vv. 43-47)? What was he doing there and how did people view him? How did his parents react (v. 47)?
3. What does Jesus reveal about his understanding of his mission in life and the unique relationship to his Father (v. 49; cf. 1:32, 35)? How does his explanation affect his parents (vv. 50-51)?
4. What is mentioned about Jesus' growth as a young man (v. 52; cf. v. 40)? What contributed to his development?
5. What words would you use to describe your growth in the Lord? How are you seeking God?
6. How do you pursue time with God? What are your priorities in regards to your faith, ministry, and life? How does your life demonstrate time spent with God?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his favor and the wisdom he gives. Pray for consistent and meaningful time with God. Pray for your growth in the Lord, asking God to fill you with wisdom and grace. Ask God to deepen your understanding of him.

21st Century Jesus

Luke 2:41-52



In his first epistle, Peter makes this assertion:

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander," (1 Pet. 3:15-16 - NIV). The word "answer" is the Greek word "apologia," which is where we get the word apologetics. It seems that in the 21st century, many Christians are not "prepared to give an apology" for the hope that they have, and the few that do often fail to do so with "gentleness and respect."

One of the chief purposes of this new series is to help the Cornerstone family, when asked by their family, friends, neighbors, classmates or co-workers about their hope, to be able to offer a gentle and respectful "apologia."