

Engage Bible Study: Luke 2:21-52
October 3-5, 2011



- A. Obedience in the Details: 2:21**
- B. Temple Presentation: 2:22-40**
- C. Typical Pre-Teen? 2:41-52**

Questions for Small Group Conversation

If the people around the table don't know one another please begin with introductions.

Opening Prayer: *God, thank you for this time together to open your word and grow closer to you and to one another. We invite your Holy Spirit into our conversation to open our eyes, hearts and minds to whatever you would have us learn. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

Open Up (pick one or both to get your conversation started)

- Share a memory of your church experience as a child.
- Tell a story of your own rebellion as a pre-teen!

Dig In

- Do you think that Jesus was being disrespectful to his parents? Why or why not?
- How do you imagine Mary and Joseph would have responded to what Simeon and Anna said?
- Verses 41-52 are the only episode from Jesus' childhood in the Bible. Why do you think that Luke chose this particular story?

Move Out

- Both Simeon and Anna spoke words of blessing and affirmation to Mary and Joseph. With whom can you share a word of blessing and affirmation this week?
- How well do you do at listening to and respectfully responding to those with whom you disagree? How might you grow in that area?
- Where and how are you "searching for Jesus"? What small and practical step can you take to deepen your life of worship and personal devotion?

Next Week: Luke 3:1-22 – Preparing for Public Ministry, Part One

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