



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families: For the week of December 31, 2017

Note to Discussion Leaders: Have members read the Bible passage in the group meeting. This is a “worship discussion” guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. Read through this guide before meeting with the group. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for the time of meeting together, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Luke 2:41-52 “Jesus, Faithful Son”

This week, Joe Brown preached on [Luke 2:39-52](#).

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

- What were you into at age 12?
- Jesus was “normal” in His humanity. He grew and developed just as most people grow and develop. What are some of the clues in this passage that show us this?
- Jesus remained fully God, yet became fully man. As Man, how is Jesus like us? Why is that good news to you & me? Read [Hebrews 4:14-16](#) for more insight.
- As God, how is Jesus different from us? Why is that good news to you & me?
- This Sunday the congregation Sandra McCracken’s great hymn, “We Will Feast in The House of Zion”. [Listen](#) to, [sing](#), or [read](#) that hymn as a group. What does the church expect as a result of the steadfast faithfulness of the Lord in this hymn?
- Today we heard about the tenacious ness of Jesus—His unflinching faithfulness to us and His purposes! Do you believe He is more committed to your growth and development than you are? How do you believe God wants to grow you to make you more like Jesus? Pray for one another that God would be faithful to grow and change you as we head into this new year.

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- December 31: Jesus, Faithful Son (*Luke 2:41-52*)
- January 7: Resume the Book of Numbers (*Numbers 11:1-3*)

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