



# LUKE

JAN 21 - LEADER GUIDE

## WELCOME AND PRAYER

A few notes for you as a leader this week:

- As you think about your group, who are people that you have noticed a change in? Who have you seen God working on and transforming? Take a minute to praise God for that and then ask Him to help you continue to cultivate a place for them to keep growing!
- Next, who are people in your group who may need a little extra prayer? Are there ways that you can engage them or challenge them to take another step?
- And as I often ask, how are you? Throughout this year, can you look back and say that you have grown as you've led and gone deeper with your group? How can you keep pressing into Jesus this week?
- As the semester goes on, make sure you're taking time to share meals together, have fun together, and serve alongside one another. All these things help grow relationships and develop a community that is bonded and willing to go further.

## SHARE

Icebreaker Questions (choose one or both to use):

- High - Lows. What was one high point from last week and/or what was one low point?
- What is the biggest stress reliever for you?
- What is your favorite thing to learn and why?

# STUDY

## Digging Deeper into "The Book of Luke - Luke 2:41-52"

1. The Passover is the physical and spiritual context for our passage this week, and for the Grand Finale of Luke (Ch. 22-24). Who can explain to us what the Passover was all about?
2. Read Luke 2:41-52.
3. Reread verses 41 and 42.
4. Anyone remember any interesting details from the message about how Jesus and his family would have made the three day journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem? *(whole towns or villages traveled together - this brought great community time and also security; the women and children went first and set the pace, the men followed behind; as a 12 year old Jesus could have walked with the women and children or he could have walked with the other teens and the men)*
5. Read verses 43-45.
6. Anyone here ever have a traumatic experience where you couldn't find a child under your supervision? How did that feel?
7. Read verses 46-48.
8. What sticks out to you about where Jesus was?
9. Read verses 49-50.
10. The first words we see from Jesus in the gospels is about where He gets his identity! "I am God's son." Jesus is growing up! He is growing in His relationship with God and He is understanding his calling on the earth. Why is it vital that, even at this age, He knows his identity and calling?
11. At the critical age of 12, Jesus is centering his life on God and living to obey God's will. Matt challenged us on Sunday to grow up. He said "The spiritually mature center their lives on God and live to obey His will. What do the spiritually immature do?"
12. How does someone actually center their life on God? What are the markers to know whether or not your life is centered on God?

13. When you hear that a mature Christian "lives to obey the will of God" do you get excited or do you think it sounds kind of boring or frustrating? How do we overcome the temptation to just live in the way where we do what we want? What would it look like on daily basis to live to obey the will of God?
14. Does growing older guarantee becoming spiritually mature?
15. What is your calling? Do you know what God wants you doing in your life right now or are you kind of drifting?
16. Anyone going through something that you feel like has knocked you out of a good rhythm in your life and relationship with God?
17. Being honest and vulnerable, is there anything you have been chasing harder after the last few weeks than you have pursued God and your calling (*doing His will*)?

## PRAYER

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