

Home Group Discussion Starter Questions

Sunday 24th October

Passage: Luke 2: 39-52

Ice breaker: Where is the worst place you have been lost?

Discussion Starter Questions:

1. Joseph and Mary took the whole family on a two week trip to Jerusalem to worship and celebrate Passover. Because of time away from work, this would have involved income loss and sacrifice on their part. With this same kind of attitude, David said in 2 Samuel 24:24 *"I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing."*
Do you ever find yourself grumbling at the cost of service and commitment to God? How should David's attitude inform our response?
2. We are told that Jesus was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **What part does asking questions about the things of God play in your Christian growth? Where/of whom do you ask questions?**
3. Jesus was comfortable and clearly enjoyed sitting with the Rabbis. Proverbs tells us that *"he who walks with the wise shall become wise."* **What type of people do you feel most comfortable with? Do you feel you are challenged to grow in your walk by the company you keep?**
4. Jesus said "I must be in my father's house", or as some translations have it, "I must be about my father's business." **What do you think Jesus is referring to as his "father's house" or his "father's business"? What does 'being about the Father's business' mean for us in our daily lives?**
5. Jesus is submissive to his parents. **How can learning to submit to others really help us grow as believers?**
6. Luke tells us that Jesus gained favour with both God and man. **How easy do you find it to handle the tension between pleasing God and man? Why do you think people were attracted to Jesus and what can we learn from that?**