

4. How would you explain the need for biblical fluency?

**SERIES:** The Rescue Begins

**SERMON 6:** "3 Profound Lessons from a Devout 12-year-old Boy"

**TEXT:** Luke 2:41-52

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We can learn from this story of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 2:41-52

5. Why is it that we need others in order for us to study the Bible well?

6. What false assumptions have you had about God?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

### 3 Profound Lessons from a Devout 12-year-old

1. Know the \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowing the story of God is important because stories \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

The vast majority of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_; it's narrative. Most of the non-narrative passages are contained in stories. And even though they aren't telling a story, they often refer to stories.

Leviticus 19: <sup>33</sup> When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. <sup>34</sup> The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

We need to be biblically \_\_\_\_\_ to grow spiritually.

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and completely trusted the Bible.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_ of the story God is weaving.
- Reading and reflecting on Scripture is a major spiritual growth \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Ask good \_\_\_\_\_.

Most of Jesus' teaching is in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.

Inductive Bible Study (OIA)

- Observe: What does this say?
- Interpret: What does this mean?
- Apply: What are we supposed to do?

#### Four Questions Bible Study

- Who is God?
- What has God done (which reveals who God is)?
- Who am I in light of God's work?
- How should I live in light of who I am?

You can't really study the Bible \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Identify false \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 2: 48: "...Son, why have you treated us like this?"

Luke 24: 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

Luke 2: 49 ..... "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Luke 24: 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

His plan and the necessities of that plan might result in our suffering, but he is always doing what is \_\_\_\_\_ to secure our good.

#### Family Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways our family cultivates a love of learning when it comes to God's Word?
2. What was the connection between Jesus' love for God's Word and his involvement in God's work?
3. Like Jesus, what character qualities should our family try to cultivate in our lives in order to grow in favor with those around us?

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#### CHRIST CONNECTION

As Jesus grew, he increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with people. His life prepared him step by step to implement the eternal mission he was given by his Father—to die on the cross for our sins and rise again in victory.

#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Is it difficult for you to imagine what Jesus' life was like as a child? Why or why not?
3. Read Luke 2:41-52. When boys turned twelve, it was a year of intense mentoring by their fathers. At thirteen they transitioned into manhood. How does this fact impact your understanding of Jesus' words in this passage?

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#### THEOLOGICAL THEME

As a boy, Jesus demonstrated his commitment to God's law and to the mission his Father gave him.