

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

LUKE 2:41-52

When we follow Jesus,

- Our RELATIONSHIP with Him should SUPERSEDE all others.
- We have a new FAMILY and AUTHORITY.
- A new HOME is PREPARED for us.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What do you think Jesus was like as a boy? Did He learn and grow like you? (Consider verses 46 and 52 of Luke 2).
2. Read Luke 2:41 – 52. When did this event take place? What did the feast of Passover represent and why would that be significant to who Jesus was and would do for mankind? (Read also Exodus 12:1 – 14)
3. Everyone of Jesus' family was heading home to Nazareth after the feast of the Passover. Why do you think Jesus stayed behind? What was going on in that particular year in His life?
4. In verse 49, we read the only recorded words of Jesus before His ministry started at about age 30. Why do you think these words were so important that they would be included in scripture?
5. In these verses do you see a change in how Jesus views His family relationships? How should following Jesus cause us to view our relationships? (Luke 9:59 – 62) Can you think of other scripture that could help your group understand this new relational priority?
6. Randy talked Sunday that a new heavenly Father would affect your authority as well as what you were called to do. How do you think this should play out in our daily lives? (John 5:19 and 12:49) How would it affect our family values? (Matthew 12:46 – 50 & John 1:12 - 13)
7. When you consider that when you follow Jesus, your heavenly Father is your new authority; how does that affect your respect and response to your earthly authorities? (consider verse 51 and Romans 12:1)
8. In John 14: 1 – 3 Jesus' disciples were told not to be troubled...because they are promised a new home. Why would this new home be a comfort? What will your heavenly Father's home be like? And how should we now live knowing we will be forever in our Father's House? (Matthew 8:20; Philippians 1:21 24 & Revelation 21:1 – 4)

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