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Sermon Discussion Questions
Sunday, January 11, 2026

"Seeing Salvation"
Luke 2: 41-52
Pastor Clay Smith

- **Confusion and Trust**
  Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus said to them (v. 50). Can you share a time when you didn't understand what God was doing in your life? What helped or hindered you from trusting him in that season?

- **Growing Under the Word**
  Jesus is described as growing in wisdom by sitting under God's Word rather than standing above or beside it. Which of those postures do you most naturally take toward Scripture, and what might it look like for you to sit under God's Word right now more intentionally?

- **Growing Through the Hammering (Prokapto)**
  Luke says Jesus "increased" (*prokapto*) in wisdom, which suggests being shaped through pressure, like metal under a hammer. Where do you see God using difficulty, discomfort, or obedience in your life to shape you for his purposes? How do you typically respond when growth comes through hardship rather than ease?

- **Sons and Daughters of the Father**
  Jesus came so that we might become sons and daughters of God. How does viewing God as a loving Father (rather than a distant authority or harsh judge) change the way you approach prayer, obedience, or suffering this week?