

“Making Jesus Known”

Luke 2:21-52

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1. How did you first learn of Jesus? Who taught you, when? What are the first “facts” you remember learning about Jesus?

In our text, we see Jesus being presented in the temple as a baby and again as a 12-year-old. That’s all we’ll know of Jesus for the next 18 years!

2. Why was it important that Mary and Joseph held to the Jewish traditions mentioned in Luke 2:21-24?
3. Little is known of Simeon. Why do we have this account of his blessing?

List the specifics of what he said in both the “praise to God” part in vs 28-32 and the part given to the parents in 34-35.

4. Baby dedications are a good thing. We don’t normally give the parents a warning of how hard it will be, but as any parent will tell you, we should! Parenting is hard. Mary is being warned of what future events?
5. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus came as our “salvation”? Talk about how your life changed as a result of what Jesus has given you.
6. We know very little of Jesus’ childhood. We can safely assume we have what we need to know. What are your thoughts on what happened in the temple when Jesus was there at age 12? 2:41-50

7. God has a purpose for each of our lives. He certainly has us in the family He's given us and doing the jobs He's provided. But the purpose is so much bigger. Talk about what you think the bigger picture is for you. Consider Jesus' words in 2:49
8. How are people throughout the world today learning about Jesus? What are they hearing? Think of the various voices, the variety of 'teachings.'
9. What is our message to the world concerning Who Jesus is? How can we better deliver that message?

As you pray for one another, consider the greater purpose we all share and the life of grace He's given for us to live.