

Message Notes

Do You Live in the Ordinary?

Luke 2:41-52

→ ordinary = the space between _____ & _____

#1 An ordinary life is a _____ life.

→ "every year" Jesus' parents went..." - **vs. 41**

→ Ordinary can be _____, and ordinary can be _____.

#2 Beware of living life on _____.

→ unaware and assuming - **vs. 43-45**

#3 Faith _____ where God _____.

→ "they found him in the temple courts..." - **vs. 46-50**

→ a Bible that's falling apart

#4 _____ is anything but ordinary.

→ humility and holiness - **vs. 50-51**

Group Questions

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1. When you hear the word *ordinary*, what comes to mind? In what ways can "ordinary" be a good thing in the Christian life and in what ways can it become careless or unfocused?
2. The Bible says very little about Jesus' younger years. Why do you think this gap exists? What kind of life do you visualize Jesus having as a teenager/young adult?
3. **Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9.** Where do you currently experience tension between consistency and busyness in your walk with God? How does this section of Scripture offer encouragement?
4. **Read Proverbs 4:20-27.** What are some signs that faith has slipped into "auto-pilot." What suggestions do you have to course correct based on the wisdom of Proverbs?
5. **Read Luke 2:46-47.** Jesus' parents find him engaged in the temple. What does his presence there teach you about your own spiritual growth?
6. "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." What truth about faith does this quote seek to capture? How might that look different across various seasons of life (busy parents, working adults, retirees)?
7. **Read Luke 2:48-50.** Describe the tension that exists between Jesus and his parents. What stands out to you about their reactions and Jesus' response? What does it look like for you to "be about your Father's business?"
8. **Read Luke 2:51-52.** In church, we focus so much on Jesus' death on the cross that we often forget to talk about his perfect obedience. Describe why that obedience is so important and impactful for your own life.

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- ordinary = the space between **crazy** & **lazy**

#1 An ordinary life is a consistent life.

- "every year" Jesus' parents went..." - **vs. 41**

- Ordinary can be **faithful**, and ordinary can be **careless**.

#2 Beware of living life on auto-pilot.

- unaware and assuming - **vs. 43-45**

#3 Faith grows where God speaks.

- "they found him in the temple courts...." - **vs. 46-50**

- a Bible that's falling apart

#4 Jesus is anything but ordinary.

- humility and holiness - **vs. 50-51**

Bible Reading for Today

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.