

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Thanking God and Thanking Mom

LUKE 2:41-52 | MAY 11 & 12, 2013

This week's message focused on the passage in which Jesus as a young boy is left behind in the temple. Though Mary can be much like any mother (or father for that matter) there was an opportunity to reflect on the importance of mother's while offering four reflections. Mothers matter. Mothers should be thanked more. God knows what mothers endure. Mothers should seek God.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Share some way you are like your mother or share something about her for which you are thankful?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Jesus' first words in Luke mention his special relationship to God. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49) When do you think Jesus knew he had a special relationship to The Father?

What do you imagine it must have been like for Mary to be Jesus' mother?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

In Luke 2:18-19 and in Luke 2:47, 51 there are some who are "amazed" at Jesus. Luke tells us that Mary "treasures these things in her heart." How might treasuring "these things" help Mary as a mother AND worshipper? What do you treasure and ponder in your life?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Luke 2:51 says Jesus was obedient to his parents and left the temple even though he felt he "must" be in his Father's house. Do you ever feel challenged in life trying to love your heavenly father while you also try to honor parents, submit to authorities or live at peace with others?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Have you honored and thanked a wife or a mother this week? Write or call them.



PRAYING

Father, I thank you that through Jesus and Mary we see the love of a mother for her child and a child for his mother. Thank you that you even love as mothers do with a gentle care that feels our hurts, heals our wounds and deals with our successes and failures. Help me as your child to grow like you.



MEMORIZING

Psalms 139:13-14 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."