

the Venues

Go Deep

“Finding Neverland”

Growing Up with Jesus

May 7, 2017

How did you celebrate your high school graduation?

What do you remember about the commencement speech at your high school or college graduation?

Luke 2:40-52 is a milestone in Jesus' life. Take some time to read it.

When was a time that you gave your parents the same kind of stress Jesus gave his?

1. Jesus grows up and Jesus grows us up.

How did this experience “grow up” Mary and Joseph? How do parents grow with their kids?

Growing up means “letting go.”

In what ways did Mary and Joseph have to let go?

How hard was it for your parents to let go of you? For you to let go of your kids?

Growing up, what experience made you feel you weren't a kid anymore?

_____ **Getting a summer job?**

_____ **Getting a driver's license?**

_____ **Other?**

Spiritual application: *What do we have to “let go” of if we are to “be about our Father's business?”*

Growing up means listening and asking questions (Luke 2:46).

What questions about faith, Bible, Christianity, religion, would you like to ask?

Maybe, “How could a loving God allow the suffering of innocent people?”

“Is there a hell?” “If there is, how could God send people to hell who grew up in a different religion?”

What was your experience in asking hard questions to your parents, to your church leaders?

How do listening and asking questions enhance communication between people?

Growing up is about increasing in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and people.

Discuss what you think is meant by each of these components -

Wisdom.

Stature.

Favor with God.

Favor with people.

Does it surprise you that Jesus “increased in favor with people?”

How is "people liking you" a mark of growing up?

Check out 1 Samuel 2:26; Proverbs 3:3-4, Romans 14:17-18

What made Jesus so popular with people?

Why is it that, for the most part, non-Christians don't really like Christians?

What lesson do you take away from this story?

How can this group pray for you this week?