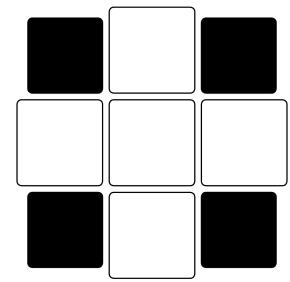


# Growing Up Like Jesus Did

Scripture: **Luke 2:39-52**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

**Gospel growth is holistic growth.** The model of Jesus given by Luke provides a framework for our growth efforts. We are to strive to grow in knowledge, wisdom, holiness (to be more like Jesus), and emotional maturity together in community. God gifts us to minister, teach, model for, and serve one another as we progress in our relationship with the Lord.

## Corroborating Texts

1 Timothy 4:7-8; Philippians 3:12-16; Psalm 111:10; Ephesians 4:11-15; Colossians 1:28;  
1 Peter 4:10

## Discussion Questions

1. Consider the narrative of Jesus' growing from a child into an adult. How was his childhood normal and how was it special?
2. Describe and discuss Jesus' parents' behavior and the challenges of parenting the Messiah. Reflect on the statement that the family had to deal with Jesus' Messiahship gradually over time.
3. What was Jesus' attitude towards his parents? How did he behave? How did he embody and obey the fifth commandment (Ex. 20:12)?
4. Discuss the ways that the description of Jesus' growth and development is a useful model for our growth.
5. Why is the emphasis on "holistic growth" important? What is the danger of "compartmentalization" in our lives?
6. How does growth occur in our lives? What does it look like? What is the function of the "means of grace" in that growth?
7. What is the role of community in our individual pursuits of spiritual growth and godliness? How can we better encourage community and fellowship in our church?