



SUMMERFEST

WEEK 4 - JESUS THE ASTONISHING YOUNG SCHOLAR OVERVIEW

There is only one brief story of Jesus' life between his birth and adulthood, but it is a remarkable one! At age 12, Jesus appears to have wandered away from his family in Jerusalem to study under the religious teachers in the temple courts. It was immediately clear to everyone just how astonishing this young man's wisdom and maturity was. It may be tempting to think, "Well, sure... he's Jesus!", but this story is more than just a tale of a preternaturally gifted child; it's an invitation to model our lives, our inquisitiveness, and our hunger to know God after his. What would happen if we all chose to dedicate ourselves to abiding with our Father and letting his wisdom shape us, no matter our age?

Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
Luke 2:46-47

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Maron said, "Being together is part of how we worship God." What does that mean to you? How important is it?
2. Read 1 Timothy 4:12. Name some things you have learned from someone of a different generation - someone younger than you and someone older than you.
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:7-9 and Luke 2:41-52.
 - a. Why did Jesus ask questions (verse 46) - didn't he already know the answers?
 - b. Jesus and his family travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate the passover festival. Can you think of something similar for which your family might travel to celebrate?
 - c. How would travelling for the passover be training to be godly?
 - d. What specific things did Jesus do in this passage from Luke to train himself to be godly?
4. Read Matthew 18:3-5 NIV. How could you become like a child or welcome a child?
5. Who is part of your "church family"? How does having a "church family" impact your life?