

**Sermon: How to be a son of God.**  
**Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 2:40-52.**  
**Date: February 11, 2024**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) In Luke 2 we see Jesus' understanding of God as his Father. God is God the Father and God the Son. What does the Father-Son relationship within the Trinity teach us about the nature of God?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Read John 1:12; Gal. 4:4-7; Rom. 8:14-17. The relationship that Jesus had with God as man is the same relationship that we can have with God, a Father-Son relationship. Do you think of God as your father? What makes this easy or difficult for you?

b) How might your life be different if you truly believed that God was your Father? Would your relationships change? Outlook? Attitude? Habits? Choices? Emotions?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) A big theme in our story is the submission of Jesus. Why is Jesus' submission to God, scripture, and parents essential to our salvation?

b) Read Hebrews 5:8-9, and Hebrews 2:10. How would explain to someone that Jesus had to "learn obedience" and "be made perfect in suffering?"

**APPLICATION**

a) Read v. 40 and 52. Are you growing in wisdom and in favor (grace) with God and others? If not what is preventing this spiritual growth from occurring?

b) What is one example from 12 year-old Jesus that you can take away from this story? Why is it so important to trust in Jesus as savior while you look to Jesus as example?

**PRAYER**

- Acknowledge God as your good and loving Father.
- Confess your failures to trust God as Father.
- Thank Jesus for his perfect obedience as THE Son of God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you growing in wisdom and grace.