

Joining the Mission of Jesus
Luke 2:1-52

We're starting a sermons series called "I Wanna' Live for Jesus." The idea for the title comes from Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." The idea is that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. Question: What does that look like? When we look into the Gospel of Luke we discover how we can become more and more like Jesus. When we turn to the book of Acts, we'll discover how we can lead others to Jesus. This morning, let's focus our attention on the mission of Jesus and join up with him.

1. Gain clarity about the _____ and make it _____.
(Luke 2:8-20)

2. Adopt a _____ perspective: _____ and _____.
(Luke 2:25-35)

3. Intentionally plan _____.
(Luke 2:39-52)

Resource for Families

Every week your child receives a take home paper from her/his Sunday School class. I would highly suggest going through the “Daily Family Devotional Readings” and doing the “Family Fun Activities.” For a biblical foundation for our roles as parents, read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- What can you observe from the text of Luke 1 about what a “pious” or “spiritual” or “obedient” Jew looks like in terms of character and actions? Be sure to consider the burdens that some of them were carrying or would carry as well as what some of them had been waiting for. You’ll need to look at Zacharias, Elizabeth, and Mary.
- What disciplines were they involved with that you can begin practicing? What character traits did you find that you can begin developing? Identify one area that the Lord would like you to work on and begin today. Encourage someone with what you’ve learned about the testimonies of some godly people.

Wednesday-Thursday

- What can you observe from the text of Luke 2 about what a “pious” or “spiritual” or “obedient” Jew looks like in terms of character and actions? Be sure to consider the burdens that some of them were carrying or would carry as well as what some of them had been waiting for. You’ll need to look at Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna.
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Friday-Saturday

- Read Luke 2:41-52. What do we find out about the parents of Jesus and their faithful obedience? From what you’ve read in Luke 1-2, what would the family life of Jesus have looked like?
- What was the point of Luke 2:49? These are his first recorded words. What implications do his words have for us? Think in terms of his teaching ministry.
- Spend some time in Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 making note of what your relationship to the Lord should look like and how you are to train up children. What could you do this week that would be in response to this teaching?