

About His Father's Business
Luke 2:40-52

Review:

1. We must remember Who Jesus is, surrendering to our sovereign Lord and King, and giving Him all our love and loyalty
2. We must remember what Jesus came to do, not to give us worldly happiness and prosperity, but to die for us so that we might live a life of righteousness with Him, now and eternally

Reflect:

1. In what parts of your life are you having a hard time submitting to God's authority?
2. Do you need to re-order your priorities in order to put Jesus first in your life? If so, how?

Go Further: Read Luke 4:16-30

1. According to verse 14, what was Jesus' custom on the Sabbath day? What did He stand up to do?
2. Which scroll was handed to Him?
3. In verses 18 and 19, Jesus chose to read from Isaiah 61:1-2. Using this passage, how did He describe His relationship with the Spirit of the Lord?
4. What five things did Jesus claim the Spirit had anointed Him to do?
5. According to verse 21, what claim did Jesus make about Himself?
6. How does verse 22 describe His audience's initial reaction to Him?
7. At the same time, according to verse 22, who did the people of Nazareth think Jesus was?
8. According to verse 23, what did Jesus think that His audience wanted Him to do?
9. According to verse 24, what did Jesus say is true of prophets in general?
10. In verse 25, what did Jesus say happened in Israel in the days of Elijah?
11. According to verse 26, who was the only person Elijah helped during that drought?
12. According to verse 27, who was the only leper that Elisha cleansed?
13. According to verse 28, what was the crowd's reaction to Jesus' statements about Elijah and Elisha?
14. According to verse 29, what did the people try to do to Jesus?
15. According to verse 30, how did Jesus elude His captors?

Summary and Application:

1. Why do you think about Jesus' claim in verse 24? Would it be hard for you to sit under the spiritual teaching of someone you had grown up with? Why or why not?
2. In verses 25 and 26, Jesus makes the point that Elijah and Elisha did miracles of feeding and healing, not for their own people, but for Gentile foreigners. Why was that such an outrage to the people of His hometown?
3. Have you ever presumed that Jesus would help you in a particular way just because you are one of His people? What have you learned from the way the crowd in Nazareth reacted to Jesus' teaching?