**Luke 2:41-52; 3:21-23 (April 16, 2023)**

**“The Son of God and Sons of God”**

**OPENING QUESTION:**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

**READ Luke 2:41-52; 3:21-23**

1. What does 12-year-old Jesus’ response to His parents’ distress reveal about His understanding of His identity? What do you think His parents understood about Jesus’ identity?

2. After being found in the temple, Jesus returned to Nazareth with His parents and was submissive to them. “Luke 2:51 may seem like an insignificant aside; in reality the entirety of our salvation depends on it.” (Luke 1-12 For You p. 34 by Mike McKinley)

Explain your opinion of the quote above (see Romans 5:19).

3. Find the common word used in the following Luke passages and discuss Jesus’ commitment to His purpose as the Son of God. What gets in the way of disrupting your commitment to what God has called you? How are you able to do what you are called?

2:49

9:22

13:31-33

19:2-5

24:44

4. Scripture shows that Jesus is the Son of God. Who are the sons of God described in

John 1:12; Romans 8:14-15, 9:8? Do you consider yourself to be one of the sons of God and if so, what do you especially appreciate as His child?

5. The sinless Son of God identified Himself with sinful humanity when He was baptized alongside all the people. How does Jesus’ identification with you make a difference in your life? Do others recognize your identity with the Son of God?