

Be Born in Us Today | praying a Christmas prayer

Searching for the Son

Luke 2:41-51

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Introduction: How does Christmas move from history into your life? That's what God wants for you and each of us. That's why it happened. Philips Brooks offers us a prayer in the classic hymn he wrote during a crisis in his own life: "O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today." This Advent we pray that prayer together and discover what the Bible tells us about how we let God answer it.

Prayer: Father, turn our hearts through this text to a search for, discover of, the Son, just as his parents searched for Jesus long ago. Amen

Read: Luke 2:41-51

Review: How did the finished work of Jesus impact your work and home life this week?

Discussion:

1. Why did Jesus stay in Jerusalem without telling his parents?
2. How was Jesus able to "break in" among the teachers in the temple courts? What was his motivation?
3. What amazed the teachers? How was this possible for Jesus at this young age?
4. Was the anxiousness of his parents justified? Explain.
5. What was the result of this event? Surprising?

Application: Even at 12 years, Jesus was listening and asking questions of the teachers; we can do the same this week.

Prayer: Father, let us let treasure in our hearts all the things of Jesus, as Mary did. Amen.