

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel According to Luke // Jesus Obeys
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: Have you ever had a “Home Alone” moment in your family when a kid was lost?

Reading: Luke 2:22-52

Outline:

- I. Faithfulness in the little things (v. 22-24)
 - a. Jesus was fully God and fully human. He showed us what the perfect human life looks like.
 - b. Jesus and his family displayed faithfulness to God. This was what guided their choices.
Q: Why do Mary and Joseph offer two birds rather than a lamb? What does this tell us about Jesus’s family?
- II. Faithfulness for the long haul (v. 25-28, 36-38)
 - a. Simeon and Anna were engaged in practices that shaped and formed them towards Christ. Our goal as individuals and as a congregation is to be like them.
 - b. Discipleship is a decision to obey God and ensure that our direction in life is towards Him. We may stumble and fall, but we always reset our aim back to Jesus.
Q: How does Luke describe Simeon and Anna? What qualities do they possess?
- III. The faithfulness of Jesus (v. 49)
 - a. Starting at a young age, was conscious of being the Son of God.
 - b. We are called to live in faithfulness to God, in the same way Jesus did for his entire life.
Q: How does Jesus’s response to Mary make it clear that faithfulness to God is his priority?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) In what ways has the guiding principle of faithfulness shaped your life?
- 2) What do you think about the idea of a neutral existence for a human? Do you believe that everyone is faithful to some standard?
- 3) Do you find it difficult to organize all aspects of your life around the standard of faithfulness to God? What are some practical ways for us to work on this?
- 4) How can we ensure that we are learning from people who are theologically educated, and also people who are spiritually mature and faithful? What is the value in both types of knowledge?
- 5) How does Jesus’s faithfulness impact the way you live? How does it make you feel?

Suggestions for further study:

- Philippians 2:5-8 **Q: Where does Jesus’s faithfulness and obedience lead Him?**
- 2 Timothy 2:13 **Q: How does God respond when we are faithless?**
- Proverbs 3:3-4 **Q: How closely should we hold our faithfulness?**

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you that you are faithful to us. No matter what we do or how far we stray, you come for us again and again. We see this in your faithfulness to the Father, that you were faithful to the point of death on a cross so that we might be redeemed. Jesus, we pray that we too would live faithful lives. We pray all this in your holy name, Amen.