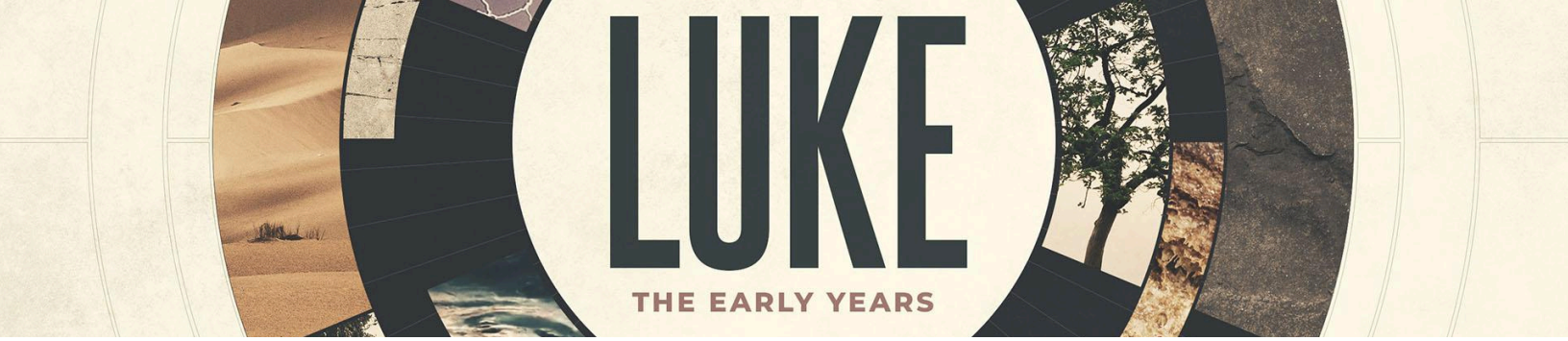


- Week **1** Questions -

Opening Question: If you could sit and ask questions to any teacher, mentor, or expert for a whole afternoon, who would it be and why?

Read **Luke 2:39-52** together.

Questions from the text

- What does Jesus' behavior in the temple reveal about his character and the way he engaged with the teachers?
- How does v. 50 display Mary and Joseph's understanding of Jesus? How does this reconcile with the understanding that they knew he was Christ?

Cross Reference

- Read **Philippians 2:5–8** together.
  In what ways does Jesus' willingness to live within the limits of childhood and family life display what it means that he "emptied himself"?

Application Questions

- What does Jesus' ordinary growth in wisdom, strength, and favor challenge or encourage you about faithfulness in everyday life?
- How do you respond when God's purposes are unclear or not fully understood, as in Mary and Joseph's experience?

Core Value: Surrender

As we look in Scripture, we see ways we are directed to surrender to Christ, be a part of his biblical community, and participate in his mission.

- What does it look like for you to "treasure" God's work in your heart, as Mary did, rather than rushing to explanations or conclusions?