

NEXT STEPS

Take some time today, if possible, with your household, to reflect on God's slow, hidden, multi-dimensional work in your life by making a list of 2021 HIGHLIGHTS and 2022 HOPES AND DREAMS.

As you do, give thanks to God for His work and blessings in your life, committing your 2022 hopes and dreams to Him.

What Happens After Christmas?

Luke 2:40-52

Sunday, December 26, 2021

What happens after Christmas? There's much in the Gospels about the true story of Christmas: The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus. But isn't it striking and curious that there's almost nothing about Jesus' childhood and upbringing? But even the silence of Scripture is instructive and here are 3 lessons we learn as we reflect together:

1. God's work in the world and in us is often _____.
2. God's work in the world and in us is often _____.
3. God's work in the world and in us is always _____ - _____.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus, Our Better Melchizedek* | Hebrews 7

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/growthgroups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Share about your Christmas!

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Luke 2:40-52 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week?

2. What happens after Christmas in your household?

3. Have you ever thought about the fact that the Bible tells us so little about the childhood and upbringing of Jesus?

4. Which one of the three lessons about God's work in the world and us resonated with you most and why?

5. Take time as a group to share your 2021 HIGHLIGHTS and 2022 HOPES AND DREAMS and God's slow, hidden, multi-dimensional work in your lives.

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those struggling through Covid. Pray for the elimination of Covid. Pray for God's mercy to be poured out in the midst of Covid.
- Give thanks together for God's work and blessings in your life.