



Week 5: February 7-13

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)

Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer

Share the Vision (2 minutes): A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is leading others to follow Jesus. Let's grow in disciple making today.

Hook Question (5 minutes): When have you been on a vacation and something unexpected happened?

Ask someone to read the background for the story.

(2 minutes):

In the Old Testament, a command was given that "three times a year shall all your males appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel" (Exodus 23:17). The three times each man was to appear before the LORD at the temple in Jerusalem were during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, The Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths. When they came, they were not to come empty-handed, rather they were to give as they were able (Deuteronomy 16:17).

Over time, this command became less of an obligation and more of a command to do when able. There were those who would make the journey to Jerusalem three times a year and others who would make the journey once in their life. And the people would not always make the journey during one of the previously mentioned feasts. Many went to study the Torah with other scholars and others went out of reverence for God and what He had done for His people, the Jews.

Jesus' parents, Joseph and Mary, would lead their family on a journey to the temple in Jerusalem every year to observe the Feast of the Passover. When Jesus was twelve the journey took an unexpected turn. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Luke 2:41-52 (12 Minutes for section): Remember to change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from Luke 2:41-52: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God's word with others.

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people in general?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- Who can you relate to in this story? (Joseph, Mary, Jesus, relatives, teachers)
- How is the Holy Spirit challenging you through this story?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.