

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, December 29, 2024 (Christmas 1)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Discussion Starters

1. Why did Hannah continue to make clothing for her son?
2. What does it mean to be "in favor" with both the Lord and with men?
3. Read the surrounding context. How does Samuel's upbringing differ from the sons of Eli?
4. What does it mean to "bless" someone?
5. Hannah literally gave her son to the Lord. How can parents do that today?
6. Eli was a godly man, yet raised evil sons. How can that be?

Colossians 3:12-17

Discussion Starters

1. How hard is it to "take off" the old self (v. 10)? Why is that?
2. What practical difference does this new clothing make in the life of one who follows Jesus?
3. What is our role in the changing of our spiritual clothing? What does God expect of us?
4. Which of these commands speaks most to you? Which is the hardest to follow?
5. Give some examples of how people do or do not live by verse 17.
6. How can God's word dwell in you "richly?"

Luke 2:41-52

Discussion Starters

1. What do you learn about Jesus in this passage?
2. How much of His mission does Jesus already seem to know? What is His mission?
3. Why do you think Luke included this passage in the story of Jesus? (Luke is the only gospel writer who does.)
4. If you had been one of the parents of Jesus, what would your reaction have been to this event?
5. In what way(s) are you growing in stature and wisdom? What do you need to do to grow more in these areas?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?