

## ***Personal Application and Conversations***

1. Describe one of your favorite topics of conversation.
2. In what areas are we seeing growth in the ministry of our church?
3. What do you think God wants you to take away from the message that Jesus learned obedience?
4. Jesus loved and rubbed shoulders with the likes of us, the lovely and the not so lovely. What do our lifestyles say about our commitment to bringing them to the One who said, *"Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"*? (Matthew 11:28)
5. When Jesus humbled Himself as He took on flesh, He learned how to handle the compelling demands of temptation and was yet without sin. What keeps you from turning to Him for help when you are tempted, and what are you doing about it?



## ***The Beautiful Mind of Christ Jesus***

Luke 2:39-52; Philippians 2:5-11

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**C**hrist Jesus poured Himself into flesh to save us. He had to learn everything in His humbled state of being. He really did humble Himself. Our assignment was to meditate on what that must have looked like to His mother. How did His trajectory of learning shape His understanding of what it meant for Him to be the Messiah? What do you think she told Him about His most unusual arrival? How quickly did He learn the scriptures? Who did He have to talk about them? What did He see in the struggles of everyday people? How did all that contribute to the way He would treat people during His three years of ministry? What did He hear about the oppressive power of Rome over His people? How was the Messiah supposed to help them “overcome one day”? Our meditations, guided by the Holy Spirit, have prepared us to worship this Christ Jesus, who gets us, really gets us, and saves us.

***Jesus kept growing*** (Luke 2:39-52)

***Jesus learned obedience*** (Luke 2:51; Hebrews 5:8; Rom. 5:19; Phil. 2:18)

***Jesus rubbed shoulders with the lovely and the not so lovely***  
(Luke 15:1-2)

***Jesus knows how to help all of us*** (Hebrews 2:17-18)