

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, December 29, 2024*

### Reading: Luke 2:41-52

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. We've "done" Christmas again this year, and we think now about where we look to find Jesus when he's not in the manger. Click here: <https://youtu.be/7FF1q018pxM> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- At the end of Luke 2, we fast forward right from Baby Jesus to the only story of Jesus' childhood. When Jesus was 12, Mary and Joseph took their annual Passover trip to the Temple in Jerusalem. On the way back, they discovered Jesus was not with the family group, and anxiously looked for him for three days!
- When they finally found Jesus, he was in the Temple, learning from the teachers, and answering their questions. Mary and Joseph were astonished, and Mary asked, "Child, why have you treated us like this?" (Luke 2:48)
- Jesus responded, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)

### Two Questions

- Do you wish we had more stories of Jesus' childhood? Do you take comfort in this very relatable, human story, or is it hard to picture Jesus as a 12 year-old, behaving as a 12 year-old, leaving his parents without telling them (even if he is otherwise right)? Should Mary and Joseph have simply assumed they knew where Jesus was, as 12 year-old Jesus seems to think?
- Between the manger and the resurrection, where do you "look" for Jesus? Do you simply assume you know where he is, or do you sometimes feel you are looking where he is not? In what ways do you find him in your Everyday Life?

### Action Step

- Look for Jesus! He is with you and working through you!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!