

# Message Notes

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# Message Outline

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## I. Beholding the High and Humble Son

### Highness/Majesty

birth announced by angels  
heralded by angels  
prophetically recognized

claims "My Father" (2:49)

### Humility/Meekness

born of a poor, pregnant teen  
cradled in a manger  
poorly dedicated

continues subjection (2:51)

## II. Becoming a High and Humble Son

### A. How it happens?

1. The Son abandoned, many sons redeemed. (Gal. 4:5)
2. Sonship received through faith in the Son. (Gal. 3:26)
3. Sonship affirmed by the Spirit through the Word of the Father. (Lk. 3:23)

### B. What it means?

1. Intimacy (Gal. 4:7)
2. Access
3. Safety and security
4. Future (Gal. 4:7)

## III. Behaving like a High and Humble Son

### A. We must internalize our identity.

1. Get into God's Word.
2. Get into Gospel community.

### B. We must exercise our identity.

## Growth Group Understanding Questions

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**What are Growth Groups?** Growth Groups are designed to make Grace feel like a church instead of a crowd!  
Growth Groups are small groups that meet for care, prayer and Bible study for 10 weeks each quarter.  
Winter Growth Group enrollment begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>, with groups beginning to meet the week of January 16.  
So rearrange your calendar, make time in your schedule, and jump into a Growth Group!  
During these weeks when Growth Groups are on Christmas break, questions are provided for use in personal and family devotions.

1. Read Luke 2:40-41. Of all the events from Jesus' childhood, why does Luke choose this one to show us? To what feast does Jesus travel with his family to celebrate? Why is that significant and foreshadowing?
2. What is the significance of Jesus' age in this narrative? What would be happening at this point in Jesus' life?
3. What is happening in the interchange between Mary and Jesus when they discover him back at the temple? Why is Jesus' use of "my Father" so significant and audacious?
4. Where in this passage do we see Jesus' highness/majesty/supremacy and where do we see Jesus' humility/meekness/submission? How are these things shown in the birth narrative? Can you think of other events in Jesus' life where these contrasting qualities and diverse excellencies are demonstrated?

## Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What are some ways that your upbringing and family background has shaped who you are today?
2. What is meant by the statement, "Jesus was thrown out of the family so that we could get in?" Read Galatians 3:26-4:7. How did Jesus redeem us so that we might receive "the adoptions as sons?"
3. Our Sonship in Christ means intimacy, access, safety and future. Discuss how these things are present in real and healthy families. Were they present in your family?
4. How does getting into God's Word help us internalize our new identity as Sons? Why do we neglect such a helpful discipline and resource?
5. How does getting into Gospel community help us internalize our new identity as Sons? What are the characteristics of Gospel community? Why do we deprive ourselves of such a valuable resource?