

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: Reflections on Jesus Aging and Dying (Young)

Sermon Series: Growing Older: Better With Age

Sermon Text: Luke 2:40, 52

OPENING QUESTION

1. Who is a significantly older person in your life that you would consider a model of older age?

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Luke 2:40-52 (note especially 2:40 and 52)

This is the only story we have of Jesus growing up. And since Jesus left this earth in his mid thirties, we don't have any stories of Jesus as an old man.

2. What can we learn about Jesus as a young boy from this story in Luke 2?
3. What can we learn from the fact that the Bible has very little about Jesus growing up from boyhood?
4. How does Jesus' life, death, and resurrection serve to provide a guide for aging well into old age?

From the sermon

In the sermon, Enoch suggested several ways the aging and young death of Jesus redefines how we view aging and life:

- Redefines what we consider a "full life"
 - Redefines the modern view of death following old age
 - Redefines "growing older"
5. Which of these areas stands out most to you and why? (You may want to remind yourselves of the sermon points.)

GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)

6. How much do you usually think about your aging? Why do you think about it that much (or that little)?
7. What is one specific point or practice you could spend time incorporating into your life based upon this study?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20, NIV)