



Jesus Among Us

Supposing He Was With Them

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Life Group Questions Text: Luke 2:41–52

1. Assumption Check

Mary and Joseph didn't lose Jesus through rebellion, but through assumption.

Where in everyday life do you find yourself assuming things are “fine” without really checking? (*Faith, relationships, family, work, routines, etc.*)

2. Routine vs. Relationship

Pastor Tony talked about good spiritual routines becoming substitutes for awareness of Jesus.

Which spiritual routines are life-giving for you right now—and which ones might you be doing on autopilot?

3. “In the Group” Faith

Mary and Joseph assumed Jesus was “in the group.”

How easy is it to mistake being around Christians or church activity for actually being close to Jesus? What does that look like in real life?

4. Recognizing Drift

Pastor Tony said most people don't run away from Jesus—they slowly drift.

What are some early signs that you personally might be drifting spiritually? (*Busyness, prayer fading, irritability, loss of joy, etc.*)

5. “Have I Been Closer Before?”

The question was asked: *If I've been closer to Jesus before, who moved?*

Looking back, was there a season when your walk with Jesus felt more intentional than it does now? What was different about that season?

6. Community vs. Communion

The sermon said: *Community can never replace communion with Jesus.*

Why do you think community can sometimes feel easier than personal time with God? How can a group help each other protect both?

7. The Gracious Return

Jesus didn't shame Mary and Joseph—He invited them back into understanding.

What does “returning to Jesus” look like in simple, practical terms this week—not dramatically, but intentionally?

Ask each person to name **one small step** they want to take this week.