

SERMON NOTES

“God’s people, God’s priorities” | Pastor Matthew Ruttan January 10, 2021 – Westminster Church, Barrie – Live Stream

This sermon launches us into a four-month journey through many stories in the Gospel of Luke. Today’s text is Luke 2:41-52 (NIV).

1. Pastor Ruttan began with a story about some young people who tried to throw some skiers off course. Why did he tell it?

2. A video was shown which provided background to the Gospel of Luke. What is something that makes Luke’s Gospel unique?

3. Verses 46–48 say: “After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.” What is exceptional about this?

4. Verse 49 gives us an insight into Jesus’ devotion. He says, “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” It also serves as a kind of theme sentence for the rest of the Gospel. It could also be translated like this: “Didn’t you know that I had to be about my Father’s business.” What does he mean?

5. After going through the text, Pastor Ruttan focused on this sentence: “I must be about my Father’s business” (verse 49). He invited us to apply it to ourselves.

--“I” is a reminder that we are setting priorities for ourselves.

--“Must” is a reminder that we are making intentional choices.

--“Father” is a reminder that God is not only almighty and all-knowing but has personal and loving care toward us; he is “for” us.

--“Father’s business” is a reminder that we seek to do things and live in a certain kind of way.

God’s people pursue God’s _____.

6. Building on Pastor Patrick Voo’s message from January 3rd where he invited everyone to place a fork somewhere visible in their house, Pastor Ruttan encouraged us to write TTGG on our forks. What does it stand for?

7. What is a priority or a character trait you want to work on which will help you be about your Father’s business in 2021?