

STRANGER THINGS

Episode Eight The Boy Jesus In The Temple

welcome to long beach alliance church
october 30, 2016

Reformation Day

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther published "95 Theses," a detailed dispute with the Catholic Church over issues related to "indulgences." In that day, nailing your disputes to the front door of your town church invited dialogue. So, Luther nailed his "95 Theses" to the front door of All Saints Church in Wittenburg.

While not intending division, Luther's articulate objections to indulgences and forceful questioning of the Pope's authority sparked an explosion, now known as the Protestant Reformation.

The Reformation began as protest, but grew because it was fueled by biblical truth. Most significantly was Luther's summary of the Apostle Paul's teaching on salvation by "justification by faith alone."

Tomorrow, October 31, we celebrate 499 years of Reformation. Enjoy Luther's own words of discovery and delight as you remember Reformation Day ~

St. Paul teaches the right way to be virtuous and to be saved; he says that all are sinners, unable to glory in God. All must, however, be justified through faith in Christ, who has merited this for us by his blood and has become for us a mercy seat in the presence of God, who forgives us all our previous sins. In so doing, God proves that it is his justice alone, which he gives through faith, that helps us, the justice which was at the appointed time revealed through the Gospel and previously, was witnessed to by the Law and the Prophets... Even as Abraham's circumcision was an outward sign with which he proved his justice based on faith, so too all good works are only outward signs which flow from faith and are the fruits of faith; they prove that the person is already inwardly just in the sight of God.

AWANA FAMILY CAMP

NOVEMBER 11-13

San Clemente State Beach
Cost: \$12/person - (\$60/family maximum)
plus one bundle of wood!

JOIN US FOR HOT DOGS,
S'MORES, GAMES,
PANCAKE BREAKFAST,
BOOK TIME, AND MORE!

MORE INFORMATION?
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Free Lunch!
Find out
how to
join us in
prayer &
support

FRANCE
TEAM

Fundraiser Luncheon
Sunday, November 6
Following 2nd Service

NEXT WEEK!

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$10,327.03	84.4%
Month-to-Date:	\$48,945.48	\$39,858.89	81.4%
Year-to-Date:	\$97,890.96	\$88,728.95	90.6%
Disbursed YTD: \$78,473.20		GOF Balance: \$10,876.59	

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, October 30

- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
- 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
- 10:45AM Foundations Adult Class
- 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
- 12:30PM Elders' Climate Survey Results
- 6:00PM Perspectives

Monday, October 31

- 7:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, November 1

- 10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM High School Youth Group

Wednesday, November 2

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, November 3

- 7:00PM Junior High Youth Group

Friday, November 4

- 6:30AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 6

- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
- 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
- 10:45AM Foundations Adult Class
- 10:45AM Foundations Youth Meeting
- 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
- 12:15PM France Team Info Lunch/Fundraiser
- 6:00PM Perspectives

MISSIONS

<http://www.lbac.org/missions>

Join us for Perspectives & Serving the World!

GROWTH GROUPS

<http://www.lbac.org/gg>

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/children>

Sunday Mornings

Gospel Project @ 9:00AM & 10:45AM

AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/awana>

Wednesdays in September 6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 9:00AM

HS Core Groups ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM

JH Core Groups ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/women>

Woman To Woman Mentoring

Contact: sherylynnlbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/men>

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There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit
of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:1-2

1) *Jerusal*

A) The Passover Feast ~

2) *The Missing Child*

A) In the Temple ~

B) Spiritual Matters ~

C) The Reunion ~

3) *The Child Speaks*

A) Jesus the Unexpected ~

B) Lessons from a Child ~

4) *The Return*

A) Submission ~

B) Heart Treasures ~

C) Growth Happens ~

5) *The Spirit*

Questions to prayerfully consider:

- 1. Who has God placed in my life to encourage and build up in the faith?**
- 2. Youth (anyone younger than the oldest person in the room): Who has God placed in your life to encourage and lead you?**
- 3. What do I find more important than spending time with the Father?**

Act on the answers you receive. You have the power.

Growth Group Guide Week 8 • Luke 2:41-52

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Ice Breaker

- What are your earliest memories of going to church? Were they enjoyable, scary, boring, etc.?

2. Verses 49-50: Jesus' parents did not understand His statement "I must be in my Father's house." What is significant about this statement?

In-Depth

Read Luke 2:41-52

Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon.

1. Verses 46-47: Jesus, at 12, was an amazing listener with his understanding and answers. In what ways was Jesus like, and not like, other 12-year olds?

Can you think of other times people were amazed at Jesus' teaching?

3. Verse 52: This is the only information we have of Jesus' life between age 12 and the start of his ministry at about 30. What four things are revealed about these years in this verse?

Making It Relevant

1. Is there someone who was influential in your coming to Jesus or in your spiritual growth? What was it about them that made a good spiritual mentor?
2. Are there those in your life you are or should be mentoring spiritually?