

## PRESENTING THE KING

### Matthew 3:13-17

Our righteousness is in him, and our hope depends not upon the exercise of grace in us, but upon the fullness of grace and love in him, and upon his obedience unto death.

-John Newton

**Additional texts:** Luke 2, Psalm 2 & Isaiah 42

### I. The King's Obedience

## II. The King's Identity

## Small Group Application Questions

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### Getting to Know You

1. If someone were to tell your life story, who would you want to be the narrator? Why?

### Into the Bible

2. Read Luke 2:39-52. This is the only glimpse we have of Jesus between his return from Egypt as a very young child and his baptism. Why do you think the authors of the gospels give us almost no details about Jesus' life in Nazareth outside of his visit to the temple?

3. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. What does it say about the person of the Son? Now, go to Hebrews 2:10-18. Why was it necessary, or even possible, for the all-powerful creator to be made complete (perfect) by sharing our humanity? How was his baptism part of that sharing?

## Application

4. In the Old Testament, the anointing of God was the signal for the presence of the Holy Spirit, giving individuals both the power and authority to accomplish the task God had set before them. How does this tie in with Christ's baptism by John the Baptist? Read Acts 1:6-11. How should the promise of the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit encourage us in our attempts to fulfill God's calling in our lives?

5. The Luke passage that you read in question 2 tells us that Jesus grew "in favor with God and man." If Jesus is our model, we should grow the same way. How can you encourage the others in your group to continue to grow to maturity in Christ?

## For Families

6. Talk with your children about question 5. How can they follow Jesus by continuing to grow into adulthood? Discuss what it means to grow in wisdom.