## February 16, 2025 "Jesus Grew in Favor with God" Rick Raines rraines@fairmountcc.org

This month, we are emphasizing the **hope** that there is in **spiritual growth**.

Jesus is our ultimate **model** for **growth**.

Luke 2:52 – "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Wisdom ... Stature ... Favor with God ...

We grow in favor with God when we are going about His work.

## Luke 2:49

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

There is much we can say about **God's work**:

• We are **equipped** for work.

**Ephesians 4:11-12** 

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

• We give ourselves fully to His work.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

• We are **unashamed** in His work.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

The Kingdom **needs more** workers.

## Luke 10:2

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Commit to giving yourself fully to the work of the Kingdom.