

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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LUKE 2:1–7 AND PHILIPPIANS 2:1–8

DECEMBER 19, 2021

DISCUSSION 1: THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

1. What are some of your favorite parts of either Advent or the Christmas season?
2. What are some of the challenges, burdens, or discouragements during this time of year?
3. Are there any way you've tried to intentionally set your mind on the person and work of Christ?

DISCUSSION 2: INCARNATION

1. When you think about the Incarnation, of God becoming the God-Man who became one of us, lived among us, and experienced the same trials as us, what are some of your thoughts? What about that is hard to fathom or encouraging or causes worship or humbles you?
2. What are some of the effects or the ramifications for humanity and for you in the fact that Jesus was born as fully God and fully Man in the Incarnation?
3. What are some of the ways we see the humility, lowliness, and gentleness through the birth of Jesus, his character and actions, and the circumstances he was born into and lives in?
4. How does Christ's death demonstrate selflessness, humility, and a willingness to be made low for the sake of others? What are ways we can then respond to him as we consider this?

DISCUSSION 3: RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S HUMILITY

1. As you think about the humility of Jesus and his willingness to stoop low for us through his birth, life, and death, how should that encourage us to run to him when we are humbled, weary, burdened, or enduring trials and temptation?
2. When are you most tempted to believe that God might look down on you, be disappointed in you, or that your life is too messy for him to enter in? What truths do you need to rehearse to combat these lies?
3. When are some of the subtle ways pride, entitlement, and self-exaltation can creep into our lives?
4. How can we move from seeing the humility and lowliness of Jesus to imitating him more in how we display humility, gentleness, and meekness to others?