



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of May 23, 2021*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Luke 2:1-7

***In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.***

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

In our passage today, Luke describes the birth of Jesus Christ. The Messiah, the Savior of the world is born into the most humble of circumstances during the lowest point in Israel's history. Jesus Christ came into the world not for the rich and powerful and not to help those who could help themselves. He came to save those who have hit rock bottom; to those who know that they have nothing to offer to God. Although Jesus was the Son of God, He lived His life in the same manner in which He was born, in humility.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think God chose to send His Son into the world under such humble circumstances?
2. How do you think Caesar Augustus would have responded if he was told that the God of Israel was using him as a pawn to ensure that prophecies made hundreds of years prior (Micah 5:2), would be fulfilled in Jesus Christ's birth in Bethlehem? What is your response to Proverbs 21:1 "***The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will***"?
3. Explain how a Christian can sometimes be compared to a child working on a "connect-the-dots" picture. Why is faith and endurance absolutely essential?
4. In our sermon we heard that "the bookends of Jesus' life were a manger and a cross". He lived a life of humility and humiliation because of His great love for His people. What is your response to such great love?