



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is the origin of your name? Were you named after a family member?
2. Did you have a nickname growing up?

Read Luke 2:15-21

3. What are the differences between salvation as a plan and salvation as a person?
4. How does sin deprive us of our end-goal and distort us into someone unknown by God?
5. Pastor Brian said, “The salvation that comes to us from God is both particular and universal—particular in that it comes by the particular person named Jesus, and universal because it is a salvation for the whole world.” Why do some people take offense to either the *particularity* or the *universality* of God’s salvation?
6. What are the theological problems with dividing “the Christ” from Jesus of Nazareth?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

7. What does Jesus “emptying himself” in order to become human communicate to us about the nature of God?
8. Paul writes, “at the name given to Jesus every knee *should* bend (or bow).” While every knee should bow to Jesus in the end, do you believe that everyone *will* bow in submission to King Jesus?
9. What parts of your life need to grow in God’s salvation in 2023?
10. Pray for one another. Pray for God’s grace to enable each person to grow in salvation.