

## Origins of Old Discussion Questions 12/1/24

1. Why do you think God chose Bethlehem, a small and seemingly insignificant town, as the birthplace of Jesus? How does this challenge our perspective on what is "important" in the world?

2. In what ways does the humility of Jesus' birth in a manger, surrounded by ordinary people like Mary and Joseph, shape our understanding of who Jesus is? How does it affect the way we view our own worth in God's eyes?

3. Despite Caesar Augustus' belief that he was the "son of god" and his desire to maintain power, how did God use his actions (calling the census) to fulfill the prophecy of Jesus' birth? What does this teach us about God's sovereignty in the world?

4.1 Corinthians 1:27-31 talks about how God chooses what is foolish, weak, and lowly to carry out His purposes. What are some modern examples where we might overlook the "insignificant" in the world, yet God might be at work in those people or places? How can we apply this principle to our own lives?

5. The message concluded with the message that "hope is not found in prominent people or preeminent places; it's found in Jesus alone." In what ways do we sometimes place our hope in things or people that are fleeting or imperfect? How can we better anchor our hope in Jesus this Christmas season?