

Personal Application and Conversations

1. What are some of your memories of your life before you were four years old as related to you by your parents or grandparents?
2. What is your understanding of how *“Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men”*?
3. Why did Jesus come into His world the way He did, and what difference has that made in your life?
4. What is your God-appointed mission at this moment in life?
5. How has God helped you understand your reason for being?



Why did Jesus come into His World?

Luke 1:26-38

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What do you remember from your earliest days on planet earth? I so enjoyed hearing my mother's memories of those days. Black and white pictures of my dad sitting with me a dock on a lake in northern Minnesota, remind me of who I am and how I came to be the husband and dad that I am today. So, to what do you attribute to your understanding of who you are and why you are here? This past week, I was refreshed by the reflections of Pastor David Jeremiah in his little book, Why the Nativity? I am very familiar with the historic record of the life of Jesus, written by Doctor Luke, ***"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men"*** (Lk. 2:52). How do you think Jesus was influenced by things like the memories of His parents, the ministry of angels, His solitude in prayer, and His obedience to His Heavenly Father? Think about it. Jesus, the Lord of the Universe, truly humbled himself and grew as He practiced obedience to the Father's will and the plan fashioned by the Holy Trinity.

An inconvenient pregnancy (Matt 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

And Jesus grew (Luke 2:41-52)

And Jesus knew (Matt. 9:13; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 5:43; 6:38; 7:29; 10:10; 12:46)