

5. We might kneel before God in awe. How does God's providence in this story inspire awe and wonder?

6. Kneeling before God can be an expression of joy. This season may be one of grief in your life. Whether you are experiencing joy or sorrow this Christmas season, what is one way you can seek Christ's joy?

7. We might kneel before God to express our surrender to him. What does it mean to you to be surrendered to God?

8. Meditate on the self-sacrifice of Jesus while reading the passages below slowly and repeatedly.

Luke 2: ¹¹ "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Philippians 2:⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

O Holy Night - Part 3

"Fall on Your Knees"

Luke 2:1-14

"Fall on your knees. O hear the angels' voices."

Prayer in the Bible is a very _____ thing.

"Kneeling in prayer sends a _____ to my entire being."

"Fall on your knees" is a call to _____ to the message of Christmas.

5 Ways to Fall On Your Knees That Will Awaken a True Christmas Spirit

1. **Kneeling in _____.**

Luke 2:1-4

Jesus is the coming _____.

The message of the gospel would be seen by Rome as dangerously _____ and revolutionary.

"Luke's description of the birth of Jesus in the time of the Pax Augusta challenges imperial propaganda and proclaims that Jesus is the real Savior, the real Lord, and the real bearer of peace for the whole world." (David Garland)

Jesus and the Gospel are subversive and revolutionary in every sphere of life and culture, including _____.

The Gospel relativizes all other authority and absolutizes _____.

2. **Kneeling in _____.**

Luke 2:3-4

The _____ of God is nothing less than awe inspiring!

“What at first appeared to be a great show of Caesar’s power actually proved the supremacy of God’s sovereignty. Even Caesar’s decree was part of the divine plan.” (Philip Ryken)

You can know that whatever you or your loved ones are going through right now, it will not _____ God’s good plan for you.

3. **Kneeling in _____.**

Luke 2:10-11

4. **Kneeling in _____.**

Luke 2:13-14

Rome’s peace came through military power; God’s peace came through a baby born in a _____.

Those who don’t surrender to God don’t experience peace in their relationship with God, and they don’t experience the _____ peace of letting God be God in their lives, the peace of surrender to a gracious King.

5. **Kneeling in _____.**

Luke 2:11-12

“If God the Son had received the universal welcome that he truly deserved, we might be tempted to think that it was some kind of honor for him to come to earth and become a man. It was not an honor—it was abject humility; it was infinite condescension.” (Philip Ryken)

“I am a poor boy...”

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Probably the most common prayer posture in our congregation is bowing our heads and closing our eyes. That’s a posture. How might taking other postures in prayer help us in our prayer lives?
3. Read Luke 2:1-14. Kneeling before God expresses a variety of ideas and emotions. One is submission to God as Lord, King, and Ruler. What are some of the ways Jesus’ Kingship is expressed in this passage?
4. How is Jesus’ rulership over the earth and our lives subversive and revolutionary in every sphere of life.