

LifeGroup Study SheetsJanuary 23rd, 2022 - Cultural Crisis – Abortion part 1

This guide is designed to help you in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

As a Christ-follower, have you ever had a conversation about abortion in the church? Why do you think it is so difficult for many Christians to discuss abortion? Why do you think the statistics show that that majority of women in churches who've had abortions, contemplated abortions, or know someone who's had one find it hard to talk about in the context of church?

Digging In

Question 1: Read **Psalm 100:3, 127:3, Genesis 1:27**. Life is a precious gift from God and Every Human is created in the image of God. This concept derives from the principle of God being our Creator. Why is it important to understand that all human life is made by God, and in His image? What does being in the image of something mean? How does that effect how we view all forms of human life?

Question 2: Read **Luke 1:41-44, Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139:13-14,16**. Life begins at conception. For most Christians, this is not a difficult argument to make – but for our culture and world it is not as easily accepted. The passage in **Jeremiah 1** says that God knows us before we were formed in the womb and has plans for our life before we were born. How does this principle in the Bible differ from what most arguments for abortion teach? Does this idea change the way you view abortion? Discuss the implications of these passages as it relates to how you talk about abortion with those that hold a different belief than you do on this topic!

Question 3: Read **Exodus 21:22-23, Genesis 9:6, Proverbs 6:16-17**. Life terminated is murder. The principles in Old Testament law were very strict when it came to determining punishment for the loss of life. All human life is valued and important to God. As Christ followers, we are not under Old Testament law, but how do these principles relate to how God sees life inside the womb?

Question 4: Read **Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:11-12, John 8:2-11**. The sin of abortion is covered by the blood of Jesus. Pastor Jeff said, “the sin of abortion seems to have become the unpardonable sin inside the church.” Why do you think this is the case? What does God's word say about it? How do we practically come along side men and women who've experienced abortion? What are practical ways we can bring grace and truth to the conversation?

How will you and your group pray about this difficult topic? Pray for people you specifically know who have been hurt by this topic. Pray for the church to be salt and light to those we can help as it relates to abortion.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?