

**LifeGroup Study Sheet**

February 6, 2022 - Cultural Crisis – Abortion part 2

This guide is designed to help in preparing you 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?

**Digging In**

**Question 1: Read Psalm 32:1-5. God's Forgiveness.** This passage is a powerful reminder of what God has done to deal with sin. Pastor Jeff said, "abortion cannot become the unspeakable or unforgiveable sin." Considering this passage, why do you think certain sins are easier or harder for people to talk about? What happens when we label certain sin as "unforgiveable" when God has not done so? What happens when sin is confessed, and repented of? How have you seen this play out in your own life?

**Question 2: Read Lamentations 3:22-23. God's Faithfulness.** The faithfulness of God is difficult for us to grasp because our own unfaithfulness to God. The constant current throughout the Old and New Testaments is that man is unfaithful, but God is faithful. We sin, disobey, get off track, or turn our backs on God – yet God still pursues us. **Job 7:17-18a** says, "What is man, that you make so much of him, and that you set your heart on him, visit him every morning..." How does the faithfulness of God through Christ allow us to speak about our past, our sin, or even the things we are ashamed of? How is God being constant, unchanging (**Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6**) a good thing? How should this help Christians create healthy and gracious conversations with people as it relates to the topic of abortion?

**Question 3: Read Matthew 11:28-29. God's Freedom.** Jesus lays out a profound truth that every human has experienced – there is no rest for our souls when we don't experience a personal relationship with Jesus. Eternal rest comes when we experience forgiveness and freedom from sin! **John 8:34-36** talks about being slave to sin, and Jesus setting us free from that sin. How are you experiencing the freedom of Christ in your own life? What are practical ways to show other people who have yet to experience this freedom?

**Question 4: Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** Individually, or as a LifeGroup – evaluate what weight or sin that is hindering you to "run your race." Take time to pray, confess, and talk about the things that are keeping you from growing spiritually.

**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?