



**Life Group Questions**  
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**Date:** September 25, 2022

**Scriptures:** Genesis 1:27; 2:7; 9:6; 18:1-2; 25:22-23  
Exodus 1:15-21; 20:13; 21:22-25  
Judges 13:3-7; 2 Kings 4:16; Job 33:4-6; Psalm 51:6; 103:12; 127:3; Isaiah 42:5  
Luke 1:13, 36-40, 43; 2:12; 18:15  
Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:9

1. What are some of the common chants, slogans, or phrases you have heard in the media when it comes to the issue of abortion? What assumptions about unborn babies and when life beings underlie these statements?
2. In what ways have you participated in the Abortion/Life Clinic Focus this past month? Which of the three testimonies (Emily Shafer, Chuck Galmarini, and Meghan Shumaker) was the most meaningful to you? Why?
3. What were the three main points of the sermon?
4. Read Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:7; Genesis 9:6; Genesis 18:1-2; 2 Kings 4:16; Isaiah 42:5; Job 33:4-6; Luke 1:13. What additional support do these added verses provide, beyond Genesis 2:7 and 1:27, for the principle that all human life is purposefully created by God and uniquely precious (e.g., image bearing).
5. Read Genesis 25:22-23; Judges 13:3-7; Psalm 51:6; Psalm 127:3; Luke 1:36-40, 43. What additional support do these verses provide, beyond Luke 1, for the principle that a distinct, unique, self-conscious, and precious human life begins at conception?

Note also that The Greek word for infants after birth "brephos" (used when God announces the birth of the baby Jesus to the Shepherds in Luke 2:12 and when Jesus says to let the little children come to him in Luke 18:15) is the same word used in Luke 1:41 for the baby Jesus in the womb. How does that play into this?

6. Consider the following from <https://www.lifenews.com/2021/09/14/15-scientific-facts-that-prove-unborn-children-are-human-beings/> about the 15 key characteristics of a 15 week old fetus. What do they tell us about the wonder of God's creative design and the status of an unborn fetus?
  - All of the major organs have formed
  - The heart pumps 26 quarts of blood per day
  - The heart has already beat approximately 15,800,000 times
  - Each finger moves separately
  - The fetus prefers sucking his right or left thumb
  - The entire body responds to touch
  - The fetus responds to taste



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- The brain creates neurons at a rate of 250,000 per minute
  - Brain connections formed at 15 weeks into gestation last into adulthood
  - The fetus can feel pain
  - Females have most of the eggs they will ever produce
  - The fetus has practiced breathing for over 6 weeks
  - Eye movements are easily seen in ultrasound recordings
  - If the doctor took an x-ray this week, the fetus' skeleton would be visible
  - Surgeons have successfully performed surgery on fetuses at 15 weeks' gestation
7. Is abortion a sin? Why? How do the following verses help with answering that question? See Genesis 9:6; Exodus 1:15-21; Exodus 20:13; Exodus 21:22-25.
8. Read 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:12; 1 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 10:9-10. What hope do these verses give to someone who is struggling with guilt about a past abortion or participation in an abortion?
9. In the sermon we were challenged to share the gospel and stand for the truth about the unborn, everywhere, all the time. Have you ever had to do that in the past? How did it go?

How might the upcoming November 8 vote on the Reproductive Freedom for All Amendment (Proposal 3) provide an opportunity to do so? For more information, see <https://supportmiwomenandchildren.org/>

How might the upcoming 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil provide an opportunity to do so? For more information, see <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

10. In the sermon, we were challenged to be ready to help those God leads to you, even at great personal sacrifice. Have you ever had to do that in the past? How did it go? Do you know of someone, right now, that God is leading across your path who needs your help?
11. How, through this 4 week focus, has God changed you in regard to the issues of abortion and life? What has he called you to do (or might he be calling you to do) as a next step to stand in the gap for life?

Conclude by praying for the following:

- The Life Clinic Gala on September 29 and the speaker, Abbey Johnson.
- Men and women in our church and our community who are standing in the gap for life through adoption and foster care.
- Lori Drake and the local Life Clinic staff.
- The upcoming vote on November 8 on the Reproductive Freedom for All Amendment (Proposal 3).
- Anyone in your group who has been moved to take a next step to stand in the gap for life.