



Why I No Longer Support Abortion

MAIN THING

We Are Never In The Wrong When We Choose Life

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:6, Matthew 25:40, Psalm 139:13-16, Ephesians 6:12

ICEBREAKER

Name something that most people like but that you can't stand.

OPENING THOUGHT

My body my choice. A woman's right to choose. Abortion stops a beating heart. Choose life. We've all heard the slogans and they aren't going anywhere anytime soon. We've all heard the human arguments for and against abortion- what about the Biblical ones?

What does it mean to be made in God's image? When does life begin? Does it begin at conception, when the heart starts beating, when the baby takes it's first breath, or some place else? Could there be more to the abortion debate than simply what we are shown? Since Roe v Wade was decided in 1973, there have been more than 62 million legal abortions in America, so this is an issue that the church, and Christians, need to have a voice in.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. One of the criticisms of the church is that it is merely pro-birth and not pro-life: not really caring about babies once they are born or people outside the womb. How can the church not only be anti-abortion but be a factor in promoting life?
3. Of all the arguments that the other side is making (the side you disagree with) which is the most valid?

LIFE APPLICATION

CHALLENGE

Pick one or more of the following to do in the next month as a 'mission field':

There are many foster and adoptive parents in our church and in our community. One of the things that they say is that they feel overwhelmed at times. Discuss ways that your community group can "sponsor" or encourage a foster or adoptive family.

Crisis pregnancy centers need volunteers and donations. For the women in the group, discuss volunteering in a pregnancy help center to counsel young women who are considering abortion.

Find a single mother and offer free babysitting so she can have some time to herself this month.

Other: _____