

MEFC Community Group Study Questions

For the week of January 19th – 25th

This study draws upon the resources of our church from the last two Sanctity of Human Life Sundays. Use these questions for reflection and application in your own personal devotions, family worship time, or community group gathering.

Getting Started

1. Discuss the following statement from Greg Koukl: “If the unborn is not a human person, no justification for abortion is necessary; if the unborn is a human person, then no justification for abortion is adequate.”¹ How might these words be of practical help to you as you have opportunity to speak with those in your sphere of influence who are on the other side of the abortion issue?

Digging Deeper

2. This observation by Randy Alcorn captures the urgency of the pro-life movement in our nation as well as provides the theological underpinning to Koukl's statement above. Once again, discuss this with your group: “...the forces behind child-killing are demonic...abortion is Satan's attempt to kill God in effigy by destroying the little one's made in his image.”² What does he mean? Why does it matter?

Open Your Bible to Leviticus 18:21....

3. What is the reason God gives for the prohibition of child sacrifice in Leviticus 18:21? What does it mean to “profane that name of your God”? How does child sacrifice (i.e. abortion) do this?

4. In Leviticus 20:1-5, not only did Molech worship carry with it the penalty of capital punishment for those Israelites who participated, but for those who looked the other way as well. What correlation do you see between this portion of the law of Moses and the situation in which we find ourselves in our nation today? What lessons are present here for the church in our day?

5. If we approach the abortion issue through the lens of texts such as Leviticus 18:21; 20:1-5; 1 Kings 11:7; 2 Kings 23:10 and Jeremiah 32:35, it's clear that Molech worship is alive and well in 21st century America. Considering that abortion is nothing less than modern day child sacrifice, what are the gods of our culture to which our little ones are being offered?

6. The Guttmacher Institute estimates that nearly one third of women in our country will have an abortion during their lifetime.³ If someone in our church revealed in you that they'd had an abortion, how would you seek to counsel them? What specific gospel truths in Scripture would inform your approach as well as your counsel?

1 Gregory Koukl, Precious Unborn Persons. Stand to Reason. 2014.

2 <https://www.epm.org/blog/2013/Jul/17/satan-child-killing> Accessed 1-17-19 @ 9:15pm.

3 <http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/uslifetimeab.html> . Accessed 1-17-19 @9:30pm.

7. If someone in your neighborhood confided in you that they were considering an abortion, what sort of specific biblical and practical help and hope in the gospel would you seek to offer them?
8. Close your time as a group by reviewing, praying through, and applying this outline from the MEFC Sanctity of Human Life Sunday sermon of 2018.

“Stumbling to the Slaughter”
MEFC and the Pro-Life Cause

- **Unborn children don't get rescued because we're pro- life, they get rescued when we're pro-active**
(Proverbs 24:10)

**Six biblical strategies for stopping the slaughter...*

1. Pray without ceasing (Luke 18:1)
2. Promote biblical counseling (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
3. Champion Christian adoption (James 1:27)
4. Support crisis pregnancy centers (Exodus 1:15-17)
5. Be a single-issue voter (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:5-6)
6. Speak up in public (Proverbs 18:21a)

Sermon Notes for 1/19/20
Psalm 8
“Crowned With Glory and Honor”:
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2020

- **Let us not grow weary in our protection of the unborn, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up** -Galatians 6:9

**In order to prevail, the pro-life movement must be motivated by a biblical vision of...*

1. ...the _____ of _____ (vv.1-4)

2. ...the _____ of _____ (vv.5-9; Genesis 1:26-31)

Next Week: The 2025 Vision of Mound Evangelical Free Church