

Group Prayer Requests

Pro-Life Justice Response Options

- Invest financially

Baby Bottles

Adoption Fund offering

- Invest relationally

Volunteer at Care Net

Give a Child a Home: Become a foster parent, adopt a child.

Use your political voice

- Invest spiritually

Pray: Pray for men and women facing the fears associated with an unplanned pregnancy and for those who are suffering in silence with the regret of past choices they have made.

Speak Out: Be respectfully brave on social media by posting honest/biblical articles that inform, help and heal. Don't forget to mention God's grace!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Life Justice Worldview

January 20, 2019

Life Justice Worldview

❶ _____ person is made in the image of God.

_____: Image of God

We should assign _____ to every person because God made them.

❷ The _____ determines our life justice

_____.

❸ The _____ (individually & corporately) is God's instrument to engage with life justice issues.

❹ The _____ is the only long-term life solution.

Abortion & Our Life Justice Worldview

➤ Abortion is an _____ to God as Creator.

➤ Abortion is an _____ on God's relationship with the unborn.

➤ Abortion is an _____ on the authority of God's Word.

➤ Abortion is not a _____ of God's grace.

➤ Abortion _____ a response from God's people.

Discussion Guide

Getting Started

What do you think is the current cultural (USA) opinion about abortion?

Bible Interaction

Read Psalm 139:13–18

How is the description of a person's value as described in Psalm 139 different than the world's narrative?

Read Jeremiah 1:5, Job 31:15, Luke 1:41; 2:12

What does the Bible say about life in the womb?

What arguments have you heard that claim an infant in the womb is not fully human?

S—Size. Infants in the womb are usually smaller than infants outside the womb. So? Children are usually smaller than teenagers. Women are usually smaller than men. Accountants are usually smaller than bodybuilders. But none of those groups are any more or less human because of their size.

L—Level of Development. Infants in the womb are less developed than toddlers both physically and mentally. Children are less developed than adults. Senior adults usually decline in their physical and mental abilities. None of those groups are any more or less human because of their level of development.

E—Environment. Are people fully human when they are under water? In an airplane? In a cave? Why would an 8-inch journey through a birth canal change the human nature of a person? If infants are human outside their mothers, then why should anyone regard them as non-human inside their mothers? People are people, regardless of their environment.

D—Degree of Dependency. Infants in the womb are dependent on their mothers. Newborns depend on their parents; mentally and

physically disabled people depend on caregivers; and diabetics depend on insulin. Humanity is comprised of some who depend on medicine or caregivers for survival. This dependence makes them no less human.

How does the SLED acronym answer those arguments?

(For more on the SLED acronym, see *The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture* by Scott Klusendorf.)

Read Exodus 21:22–23

How did the Old Testament law treat the death of an unborn baby?

Read Proverbs 24:10–12

Life Justice Response

What message do we send when we don't discuss issues like abortion?

How can we best value human life while at the same time avoid condemning women who have had abortions?

What can we do as individuals, families and as a church to respond to the scourge of abortion?

Discuss positive examples or stories from group members as it relates to supporting life.