



# The Sanctity of Human Life

## Gen 1:26-28

### INTRODUCTION

We consider the reasons human life is sacred and therefore why abortion is an evil which must be opposed.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

### OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What lies at the root of abortion?

### REVIEW

- Have someone read **Gen 1:26-28**.
- What does it mean that humans are created in God's image?
- As you read through the verses about God's relationship with the unborn—**Job 31:15; Exodus 21:22-25; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 22:9-10; Isaiah 49:1; and Luke 1:15**—consider which words stand out to you and enhance your understanding of God? How do these verses deepen the way you value God's work in the womb?
- Why are humans given dominion over the earth?
- Why does the Bible link having children with blessing?
- Why is abortion wrong? What is our message to those who have been involved in abortion?
- Why is the personhood of the preborn the central argument in the abortion debate?
- Why did Jesus come to rescue humans from sin, but not fallen angels?

### APPLICATION

- How does our culture, our churches, and our families often demonstrate an attitude toward children that is not biblical?
- What can you do to communicate to children that you think they are blessing? Is there anything you should stop doing?
- It is easy to blame people involved in abortion or those who pass laws to protect it. Do we as Christian bear any responsibility?
- How does abortion for the sake of convenience speak to our culture's prideful idolatry of self while also seeking to eliminate natural consequences of our actions?
- How should our knowledge of Jesus as Savior lead us to offer hope to those who have experienced or supported abortion in the past?
- If we speak against abortion but do nothing to help those who are in crisis, what are we saying about the value of that life?
- Do you have hope that abortion will end?
- Have you had any experience ministering in a crises pregnancy center? Share?

### PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?
- Pray especially for First Choice Women's Center.