

Life for Everyone Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is one of your earliest memories?
2. Whom do you lean on in moments of crisis?

Read the following passage: Psalm 139.

Some pregnancies lead to great celebration. Other pregnancies are the result of horrendous acts of abuse. Some pregnancies occur after years of longing. Some are completely unplanned. Every year in the United States, hundreds of thousands of women choose to have an abortion to end unwanted pregnancies, pregnancies forced upon them by others, or even pregnancies that might threaten their lives. How should followers of Jesus engage the subject of abortion?

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Are there aspects of the conversation about abortion that are difficult for you to engage in? Explain.
2. Do you think men should weigh in on the topic of abortion? Explain.
3. How are the following Scriptures relevant to the topic of abortion?
 - Genesis 1:26-27
 - Genesis 9:5-6
 - Exodus 4:11
 - Psalm 139
 - Jeremiah 1:5
 - Luke 1:15
 - Luke 1:39-45
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Explain.
 - The decision to abort (or not abort) should be left up to the woman who is pregnant.
 - Since a human embryo is a human being from conception, abortion is wrong and should not be permitted unless medically necessary to save the life of the mother.

- A woman who conceives as a result of rape (or incest) should have the right to choose an abortion.
5. How can followers of Jesus better support women experiencing crisis pregnancies?
 6. How should the freedom and equality of women be considered when engaging the topic of abortion?

Pray