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FIELDSTONE CHURCH

What Does God Say About the Unborn?

Value, Dignity, and Grace at Every Stage of Life

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Personal Weekly Study Guide

Overview

This week's message tackled one of the most emotionally and politically charged topics of our time — and it did so by returning to the most important source: Scripture. What does God say about the unborn? What value does he assign? What does he feel? And what does he ask of us in response? This study will help you sit with those questions personally, honestly, and prayerfully. Take a few minutes each day to read, reflect, and respond.

A Quick Encouragement

Before you begin, take a breath. This is a topic that can stir up a wide range of emotions — conviction, grief, frustration, defensiveness, compassion, or something you haven't fully named yet. All of that is okay to bring to this study. God is not looking for polished answers. He is looking for honest hearts.

Read slowly. If something surfaces that you've been carrying for a long time, don't push past it — bring it to God right there. This study is not about forming the perfect opinion. It's about letting Scripture and the Holy Spirit shape your heart. That's always where it starts.

Day 1 — The Question Behind the Question

Read: Genesis 1:26-27 | Psalm 8:3-8 | Genesis 9:6

Reflection: Before we can answer what God thinks about the unborn, we need to understand what God thinks about human life in general. Made in his image, crowned with glory, entrusted with creation, human life occupies a unique and irreplaceable place in God's design from the very beginning.

Questions:

- What does it mean to be made "in the image of God"? How does that distinction separate human life from every other kind of life?
- Psalm 8 marvels that God would think about and care for human beings at all. When you sit with that wonder, what does it stir in you?
- How does the foundation of human dignity — rooted in being image-bearers of God — change the way you approach the question of the unborn?

Prayer:

Father, thank you that human life is not ordinary — it is image-bearing. You made us to resemble you, to work alongside you, to know you. Let that truth sink deep today, and let it change the way I see every person I encounter. Amen.

Day 2 — Known Before You Were Born

Read: Psalm 139:13-16 | Jeremiah 1:4-5 | Psalm 22:9-10 | Galatians 1:15

Reflection: God's knowledge of and involvement with a person doesn't begin at birth — it begins before. The language of Scripture is intimate and intentional: knitting, forming, knowing, setting apart. These are not the words of a distant creator but of a God personally engaged with every life he makes.

Questions:

- Read Psalm 139:13-16 slowly. Which word or phrase lands most personally for you? Why?
- Jeremiah 1:5 says God knew Jeremiah before he was even formed in the womb. What does that kind of foreknowledge imply about the value of a life before birth?
- How does it feel to apply these verses personally — to know that God was this intentional and intimate in creating you specifically?

Prayer:
God, you knew me before I was formed. You knit me together with intention and care, and you have never stopped being present in my life. Thank you for that kind of love — and help me extend it to others, including those whose lives are just beginning. Amen.

Day 3 — What the Christmas Story Tells Us

Read: Luke 1:13-15 | Luke 1:39-44 | Luke 2:12-16

Reflection: In Luke's Gospel, the same word is used for the unborn John in the womb and the newborn Jesus in the manger. The unborn John experienced joy and was filled with the Holy Spirit — responses Scripture never attributes to anything other than a person. Luke is making a quiet but unmistakable theological statement about the status of unborn human life.

Questions:

- What strikes you about the fact that John was described as "filled with the Holy Spirit" before he was born? What does that imply about his personhood at that stage?
- The message pointed out that Luke uses the same Greek word for unborn John and newborn Jesus. Why does the choice of language in Scripture matter?
- How does the Christmas story — a story most people find familiar and warm — change when you read it through the lens of what it teaches about the unborn?

Prayer:
Lord, your Word makes no distinction between the unborn and the newborn — both are known, both are loved, both are yours. Shape my heart to see what you see and to value what you value, even when the culture around me says otherwise. Amen.

Day 4 — Loving What God Loves

Read: Psalm 51:3-6 | Matthew 5:43-48 | Micah 6:8 | Proverbs 31:8-9

Reflection: God's call on our lives isn't to find the minimum acceptable response to hard things — it's to love what he loves, protect what he protects, and defend those who cannot defend themselves. The unborn are not a political category to God. They are people he knows, loves, and calls us to stand for — with grace, not anger.

Questions:

- The message challenged the "how far is too far?" mindset and replaced it with "do you love what God loves?" How does that reframe your approach to this issue — or to difficult topics in general?
- Micah 6:8 calls us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. What would all three of those look like applied to the issue of the unborn?
- Is there a way God might be inviting you to respond to this topic — through prayer, action, giving, or simply shifting your posture? What feels most honest?

Prayer:

Father, every person I pass today — my neighbor, my coworker, the stranger online I disagree with, the unborn child I will never meet — bears your image. Forgive me for the moments I forget that. Give me eyes to see people the way you do, and the humility to treat them accordingly. Amen.

Day 5 — Grace Is the Final Word

Read: Romans 8:1 | Isaiah 1:18 | Luke 7:36-50 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Reflection: This topic is not only theological — for many people, it is deeply personal. The same God who loves the unborn is the God who meets broken people in their hardest moments and offers grace that is immediate, complete, and final. There is no past circumstance, no difficult

decision, no weight of regret that is beyond the reach of what Jesus did on the cross.

Questions:

- Romans 8:1 says there is "no condemnation" for those in Christ Jesus. Is there any area of your life — connected to this topic or otherwise — where you have been living under condemnation that God has already removed?
- Isaiah 1:18 offers the image of sins "red as crimson" becoming "white as snow." What does it mean to you that God's grace is that complete?
- As you close this week's study, what is one thing you want to carry forward — a truth, a commitment, or a prayer — from what God has shown you?

Prayer:
Jesus, thank you that there is no condemnation for those who are in you. Whatever I have carried into this week — regret, grief, or the weight of hard memories — I lay it down at the cross. You took the brokenness. You replaced it with grace. That is enough. Amen.