
Date: April 30, 2023 **Message:** The Sacredness of Life

Scripture: Psalm 139:13-16

Biblical Affirmations:

Biblical Applications:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Do you feel that, on average, Christians in America today see abortion and sanctity of life issues as primarily a theological issue, primarily a political issue, or primarily a personal/private issue? Why does this matter?
2. What does it mean that all people are made in the image of God? Why is this an important issue, and what are its implications in terms of our understanding of the abortion issue? In terms of our own self-image and identity? In terms of the way we treat all people? In terms of human and civil rights?
3. Do you agree with the notion that, because all people are made in the image of God, every single person deserves honor from us? What would it look like practically to honor children in the womb? To honor women who are considering abortion or have had an abortion? To honor people and even politicians with whom we disagree on this issue?
4. One of the common arguments that is often made in the culture today is that Christians who are very "pro-life" when it comes to protecting life in the womb are often silent or seemingly more indifferent when it comes to addressing "whole-life" issues (e.g., poverty, affordable housing for all, economic security for all, sex trafficking, reducing substance abuse, etc.). Do you agree or disagree?
5. Micah 6:8 tells us that God requires His people to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with the Lord. In what ways is this topic today a justice issue for Christians? What would it look like practically to not only "do justice" for children in the womb, but also for children outside of the womb, and to "do justice" for the women and men who are their parents?
6. Do you feel that the church is a "safe" place for people to be able to share their own stories and perspectives pertaining to this topic? Why or why not? What should be done to make it a safer place for these types of interactions?
7. Where do you think the corporate Church (all Christian followers everywhere) should focus more of its energy or less of its energy regarding sanctity of life issues in the future?