

Sermon Notes & Discussion Questions: Aug. 21, 2022

Title: Whole Life

Text: Various

Target: The sanctity of life is so much more than a political talking point; it is giving worth and value to humanity from the womb to the tomb.

- I. **The Divine Blueprint of God:** *“Know that the Lord, He is God, it is He who made us, we are His...”* (Psalm 100:3)
 - A. **Made in the Image of God:** Genesis 1:27: *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.”*
 - B. **Made with Intentionality by God:** Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Job 31:15
 - C. **Made with Infinity to be with God:** Ecclesiastes 3:11: *“He has put eternity in man’s heart.”*

- II. **The Moral Obligation of Humanity:** *“the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness...”* (Romans 2:15)
 - A. **Human Life is to be preserved:** Exodus 20:13: *“You shall not Murder”*
 - B. **Love your Neighbor, is a priority:** Matthew 7:12: *“So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.”*
 - C. **Speak for the Voiceless is paramount:** Proverbs 31:8: *“Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.”*

- III. **The Undeniable Facts from Science:** *“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.”* (Hebrews 3:4)
 - A. **Life begins at Conception.** Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23
 - B. **Genetic makeup is Complete.** Psalm 139:14 *“for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*
 - C. **Development is Clear.**
 1. **Size:** Does size determine value?
 2. **Levels of Development:** what level of development quantifies a human?
 3. **Environment:** Does where you are, have bearing on who you are?
 4. **Degree of Dependency:** does dependency make a person not human?

- IV. **The Considerations of an Opposing View:** *“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”* (John 7:24)
 - A. **“My Body, My Choice”**

B. “Rape/Incest/Medical Emergency”

C. “Wellbeing of the Woman”

V. The Agreement to work towards Healing: “He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

A. A Community that Ears: Forgiveness from God, from others, and towards ourselves.

B. A Conviction to Embrace: Not choosing sides, but choosing people.

C. A Compassion to be Evident: Be committed to the full journey.

1. Men Step Up!

2. CBC Speak Up!

Takeaway: God values life before the womb, in the womb, after the womb, all the way to the tomb, so much so that Jesus made this same journey for you.

CBC Resources for “#Trending” Series: Week 1

How to walk through the discussion questions (given below), handle questions, concerns, comments, and conversations around the topic of abortion.

1. Pray before your group meets and ask God to direct the conversation, that He will give you the words He wants you to say, and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group.
2. Not every group will have questions, concerns, or comments about each week's sermon, so be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. (And encourage the group to listen to the entirety of Pastor Ed's message prior to your meeting. That will help remove any possible confusion on the topic and what was said.)
3. Remember to be sure and listen to the person with the question, concern, or comment.
4. Ask good & clarifying open ended questions to see if they can or will share the story behind their thoughts. The more you know about the story, the better your approach can be to answering.
5. Always and accurately use bible verses that take into account the whole heart of God.
6. Remember it is ok if we don't all see things the same way. The important thing is to listen, respect, and honor one another with the conversation.
7. It is ok to say you do not know the answer to the question. Appropriate responses are, “Let's set up a time and look through bible verses together to find the answer.” Another response “That is great. Let me get with one of our CBC Pastors and get back to you on the answer.”

8. It is not our job to change someone else's mind, but rather to talk through the situation and the truth from God's Word and let the Holy Spirit lead each person.
9. Utilize the resources listed below if someone needs help beyond what your group can provide.

Discussion Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time when your personal feelings differed from God's view on a matter? What did you do in that moment?
2. Why do you think God's design for life is foundational for this conversation?
3. How can devaluing human life be detrimental to society?
4. How can we as a group come alongside those who are affected by this conversation?
(See resources list below.)

Additional Resources:

CBC Care & Support

- <https://www.communitybible.com/care-support>
- (210)253-5971

- **Jeanie Postell** - C&S Pastor and Director, Staff counselor, 210-477-1748 or jeanie.postell@cbc.email
- **Frank Kirby** - Director of Marriage Ministries, 210-253-5979 or frank.kirby@cbc.email
- **Denise Espino** - Director of Mental Health Support Groups and CBC Cares, 210-237-4942 or denise.espino@cbc.email
- **Carolyn Powell** - Director of Prayer Ministries and Support Groups (DivorceCare & GriefShare), 726-262-5363 or carolyn.powell@cbc.email
- **Lisa Guerra** - Clinical Counselor, 210-848-5170 or lisa.guerra@cbc.email
- **Melli Melgoza** - Director of Recovery Groups, 726-215-8127 or melli.melgoza@cbc.email

- **Brian Madtes** - Director of Leadership and Spiritual Development, 210-253-5977 or Brian.Madtes@CBC.email

CBC Counseling Referrals

https://www.communitybible.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/cbc_professional_counsel_referrals_5.4.21_2.pdf

CBC Care & Support Lay Counseling:

210-477-1742 Ext. 1179

Pregnancy Care Center:

- <https://www.sapregnancy.org>
- Phone: (210)614-5433

Resources:

- Free individual and couple consultations for all options
- Free sonograms
- Free counseling post abortion
- Free parenting classes postpartum
- Access to tangible items
- Free doctor appointments for carry minded

Any Woman Can: <https://www.anywomancansa.com>

Call to Schedule Appointment:

- Stone Oak: (210)370-3939
- Downtown: (210)271-2705

Text to Schedule Appointment:

- Stone Oak: (210)370-3797
- Downtown: (210)906-1721

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Post Abortion Care & Support:

Abortion Hurts God Heals (They may also have men's groups.)

<https://www.abortionhurtsgodheals.com>

Marital Enrichment & Support Resources:**Re-Engage:**

[Learn More](#) CBC Marital Support Click [here](#)

Books:

- *Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs*
by Emerson Eggerichs
- *Created for Connection: The "Hold Me Tight" Guide for Christian Couples*
by Kenneth Sanderfer, Dr. Sue Johnson EdD