

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Sanctity of Human Life

These questions are for the **January 19, 2020** sermon, "Pro-Life and Proactive." Please read the sermon passage (Proverbs 24:3-12) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE CONNECT THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE WITH STRATEGIES TO PROTECT LIFE, NOTE . . .

1. The wisdom from Scripture we need to apply (3-7)
 - a. Wisdom is "masterful understanding; skill; expertise."
 - b. "House" can mean living structure, but it can also mean "family," or even "kingdom."
 - i. God is the source of all life. Parents are merely God's means to produce life.
 - ii. Every child is "life with potential." No child is merely "potential life."
 - c. In the Scriptures, there is no separate word (such as "fetus") for a child in utero . . .
 - i. The child in utero is not an "it."
 - ii. Let us say, "unborn child."
2. The ways of evil we need to discern (8-9)
 - a. Our culture will always seek try to remove God from his rightful place of authority.
 - i. The wicked actively scheme to live their lives NOT recognizing God's authority.
 - ii. Some will scheme maliciously, while others will follow along ignorantly.
 - b. The question of authority: "Who says?" Only the Lord has the right to rule.
3. The will to protect that we need to maintain (41-42)
 - a. We live in days of adversity. We are called to endure, instructed, "Do not faint."
 - b. Some will try to act innocent, claiming, "We did not know" what was going on.
 - i. But we know. Don't grow weary in the effort!
 - ii. We must persevere in prayer, in rescuing and in legislation!

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God establishes and builds houses, generations and kingdoms. He does this through human births. Talk about your efforts towards consistency in how you speak about pregnancies and children in-the-womb. Do you think about and talk about in-the-womb children as gifts from God, life with potential and "image bearers" of God himself?
2. Based on #1, above: God establishes houses by wisdom. Interestingly, he also created by wisdom (Proverbs 3:19). God builds families, cities and civilization through the womb. Discuss how God can be building even when a pregnancy comes about through painful situations.
3. Based on #2, above: We live in a generation of schemers who all seek to "do what is right in their own eyes." It seems the only rule of our culture is, "Do not let the living God rule your life." The schemer is not simply ruining his own life, but is "an abomination to mankind." In what ways are the schemes of the godless wreaking havoc on this entire generation?
4. Based on #3, above: We can help rescue those being taken to death in many ways: raise our kids with wisdom, counsel those who are scared to keep their babies, provide physically/financially for babies/families, become Foster parents and we can adopt. We can pray. We can teach children God's ways. Where is God calling you to not "grow weary"?