

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Sanctity of Human Life

These questions are for the **January 17, 2021** sermon, "The Breath of Life." Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:4-25) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

OUR LORD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS EVIDENT IN . . .

1. The creation of human life. (1:26-27; 2:4-9)
 - a. God made human life in a completely separate category from all other beings.
 - i. Made in the image of God (not "after its kind").
 - ii. Made as the ultimate (final) crown of God's created world.
 - iii. Made for the purpose of subduing and for "dominion over" God's creation.
 - b. Genesis 1 is the zoomed-out story of creation, Genesis 2 shines a spotlight on humanity.
 - c. Every human being bears the image of God Almighty.
 - d. Christians can be both pro-life and pro-environment.
2. The establishment of human freedoms. (2:10-17)
 - a. God takes the initiative. He comes to mankind. He brings his intentions to mankind.
 - b. The ultimate human freedom is to listen to God, believe him and serve him.
 - c. The ultimate human pain is to throw off God's rule and live by "our own" morality.
3. The distinctions of human sexuality. (2:18-25)
 - a. God designed male and female to correspond to one another.
 - b. With differences in design and role, yet with equality in worth and dignity.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: People describe humans as "animals," and it's true that we breathe air, but humanity is obviously the most important species on the earth. Made NOT "after its kind," but "in God's image." Discuss the importance of the privilege and uniqueness of being human. How does this privileged position impact your mindset towards "naturalistic evolution," and speaking up for the pre-born?
2. Based on #1, above: God dignified work (labor) before the fall of mankind. He made Adam "to work" the garden and "to keep" the garden. What work has God called you to? Are you mastering your "garden," your craft? Are you joyful (or working toward joy) in your work?
3. Based on #2, above: Discuss this: "The ultimate human freedom is the freedom to listen to God, believe him and serve him." What is the greatest threat to this freedom today? Why do humans so often view chains and temptations as "freedoms"?
4. The pro-life movement was started as a way to stand against the January, 1973 Roe-Wade Supreme Court Ruling in favor of legalized abortion. What means can you utilize to stand for life in terms of legislation, financially, or locally. What local organizations might you support? What family members or neighbors might you support? How does being pro-life impact the way you think about or help Foster parents? Adoptive parents?