

RESPONDING BIBLICALLY TO OVERTURNING ROE

PSALM 139:13-16

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE - JULY 3, 2022

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139: 13-16 ESV

13 For you formed my inward parts you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

SERMON RECAP

Affirmations from God's Word:

1. A mother's womb holds a person known, loved, and formed by God. (Psalm 139, Job 31:15, Job 10:8-10, Psalm 22:10, Luke 1:15, Jeremiah 1:5)
2. Every single person bears the image of God and possesses value before God. (Genesis 1:26-27)
3. Every single person deserves honor from us. (1 Peter 2:17)
4. God designs sexual activity exclusively for marriage between a man and a woman. (1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4)
5. God gives government for the good of people and the legislation of morality. (Romans 13)
6. God requires His people to do justice and love kindness for all people, including children born and unborn, women and men, from either gender, or with any disability. (Micah 6:8)
7. God calls His children to believe and speak unpopular truth as we show and express unexpected love. (Ephesians 4:15)
8. Jesus commands His church to accomplish a great commission, not to win a political election. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Applications and ways we can respond:

1. Listen and learn...
 - Understand the reasons behind abortion.
 - Spend time with people from different perspectives.
2. Support and serve...
 - Women and men with unwanted pregnancies.
 - Single parents and grandparents.
 - Foster and adoptive families.
3. Step forward...
 - Share your burdens from the past with others.
 - Share your struggles in the present with others.
4. Speak up...
 - Before God.
 - Before the government.



5. Reach out...
 - Through working for justice in high-risk communities.
 - Through giving to work that protects and promotes life.
 - Through volunteering at pregnancy care centers.
 - Through fostering or adopting children.
 - Through making disciples.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does the passage say?

1. Read Psalm 139 in its entirety aloud as a group. Have a group member re-read verses 13-16 aloud and take some time to let group members share observations about the passage. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you have read quite yet. Simply share what you all observe from the text.
 - What word does David use to describe God's works (v. 14)?
 - How does the Bible describe God's involvement in our development in the womb (v.15)?
 - What does this passage teach us about God's involvement in each day of our lives (v. 16)?

What does the passage mean?

1. This passage teaches us that our sovereign God intentionally and intimately formed each of us in our mother's womb.
 - How does the Bible show that a baby in his/her mother's womb is a person? See also Job 31:15, Job 10:8-10, Psalm 22:10, Luke 1:15, Jeremiah 1:5.
 - Read Genesis 1:26-27. What does it mean that every person is made in the image of God?
 - How must the knowledge that we are made in God's image affect the value and worth we give to all human life?
2. What was David's response when he acknowledged how God made him (v. 14)? Why is that a fitting response from us as well?
3. How does the gospel of Jesus Christ show the value and worth our Lord put on human life?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. As a Church Group, work through points 1, 2, 4 & 5 from the application section listed above as a group. Take your time to walk through each application section carefully considering:
 - a. How can we, as a Church Group family, "Listen and learn?"
 - b. How can we, as a Church Group, "Support and Serve?"
 - c. How can we, as a Church Group, "Speak up?"
 - d. How can we, as a Church Group, "Reach out?"

NOTE: We have included ideas and resources for you to consider in the Leader Notes section at the end of this document.

2. We want to allow time (on a regular basis) for those in our groups to have the opportunity to "Step Forward" (sermon application point number 3) if and when needed. We recommend you break into small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender this week to share needs and pray specifically for those in the group. Before you break into groups you might ask group members to consider:
 - a. Are there needs you'd like to share with your Church Group family?
 - b. Are there ways your Church Group family can come along side you to support you in any way?
 - c. How can we specifically help and how can we specifically pray?

LEADER NOTES

Church Group Leaders, summer is a great time to serve your community as a Church Group. In response to the sermon today, if you are looking for specific ways to be involved you might consider the following opportunities. A more complete list of resources can be found at mcleanbible.org/abortioncare

Consider the Care Net ‘Making Life Disciples’ Curriculum that was mentioned in the service: makinglifedisciples.com

GIVE TO THE CARE FUND: mcleanbible.org/carefund

VOLUNTEER AT A CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

- [Assist Pregnancy Center](#) (Annandale, VA)
- [Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center](#) (Washington, DC)
- [Care Net Manassas](#) (Prince William, VA)
- [Carried to Full Term](#) (Haymarket, VA)
- [Hope in NOVA](#) (Northern Virginia)
- [Life First](#) (Manassas, VA)
- [Rockville’s Women Center](#) (Montgomery County, MD)
- [Mosaic Pregnancy Care Center](#) (Leesburg, VA)
- [NOVA Pregnancy Help Centers](#) (Fairfax/Alexandria, VA)
- [Shady Grove Pregnancy Care Center](#) (Montgomery County, MD)

MBC MINISTRIES SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

- Woven (MBC Montgomery County) provides community service to foster children and families as well as to vulnerable single moms, including baby items, babysitting, transportation, and more. Contact Dede at dedeschumacher@gmail.com
- Adoption & Foster Care helps members care for vulnerable children. This includes those who are currently adopting or fostering, considering whether to adopt or foster, or interested in other pathways of service. Contact adoptionfostercare@mcleanbible.org

UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Back-to-school collection and giveaway events are starting towards the end of July to care for vulnerable communities. Help is needed to collect, organize and distribute. Contact Lauren at lauren.deluca@mcleanbible.org.

If Church Groups have any new outreach ideas, or partnership opportunities, please reach out to Lauren at lauren.deluca@mcleanbible.org

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