



## THE REAL QUESTION

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16; Luke 1:39-45; Exodus 21:22-25

On Sanctity of Life Sunday, we took some time to consider what God says about life in the womb and how we as the people of God should engage this important topic in our day.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
2. Why is this such a difficult topic to talk about? How should our answers to this question inform how we enter into discussions about abortion?
3. What do you think is getting forgotten/lost in the abortion debate today?
4. What is the real question surrounding abortion today? Why do you think it is that more people aren't talking about the issue this way?
5. What parallels do you see between slavery and abortion? Do you think it's fair to consider the pro-life movement the modern-day abolitionist movement? Why or why not?
6. Did anything in this sermon give you an idea for how you want to engage your pro-choice friends around the topic of abortion?
7. It's sometimes claimed by pro-choice advocates that Christians didn't care about abortion until this became a political issue in the 20th century. How would you respond to this charge?  
- See also the recommended resource below titled *Did the Early Church Oppose Abortion?*
8. Which of the two responses to abortion discussed in the sermon comes more naturally to you (being a voice for the voiceless or being a refuge for the broken and helpless)? How did this sermon challenge you in your response to abortion?
9. How do you think we as a group can be a voice for the voiceless?
10. How do you think we as a group can be a refuge for the broken and needy?
11. Where do you need to encounter God's grace in light of this message? How can we pray for you?

## RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- For more on Love Life, check out their [website](#).
- Article: [Did the Early Church Oppose Abortion?](#)
- Guttmacher Fact Sheet: [Induced Abortion in the United States](#)
- Guttmacher Fact Sheet: [State Facts About Abortion: California](#)
- To learn more about what science can tell us about fetal pain, facial expressions, the current age of viability outside the womb, and more, check out [this article](#).
- For more on the effects of abortion on mental health, check out [this study from Cambridge University](#).