

## Why Are We Pro-Life?

Message 04 in the series "Why?"

"Children, from the moment of conception, are a gift from the Lord." - Centerpoint's Statement of Beliefs

### A. Three reasons we are pro-life:

**Reason 1.** We believe God is the author of life!

"You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you." Nehemiah 9:6 (NIV)

"...all things have been created... through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

Note: The Devil wants to destroy life, Jesus died so we could have life!

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 (NIV)

**Reason 2.** We believe that every life has value because we are all made in God's image.

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

"He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession." James 1:18 (NLT)

Note: God created everyone. Jesus died for everyone!

"Children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127 (NLT)

"He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins--and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. "  
1 John 2:2 (NLT)

*Life Application:* We must love those who are different than us.

"Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God." James 3:9 (NLT)

**Reason 3.** We believe God has a plan for every life!

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Note: God values life before birth.

"The Lord gave me this message: 'I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.'" Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NLT)

"The Lord called me before my birth; from within the womb he called me by name." Isaiah 49:1 (NLT)

### B. We must put our beliefs into action!

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."  
James 1:22 (NLT)

**Action 1.** We speak out for the unborn.

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?" Proverbs 24:11-12 (NIV)

**Action 2.** We provide help and support to women in crisis pregnancies.

“Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

**Action 3.** We help people find forgiveness and restoration.

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.” Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

Tommy Green • 08-27-17 • [tommy@centeringlives.com](mailto:tommy@centeringlives.com)

## **Connect Group Questions**

1. Why is abortion such a divisive issue in our culture? In our churches? In our families?
2. Why is it important to seek guidance from God’s Word in cultural issues such as abortion? How has the culture shaped our views on the value of life? How should God’s word shape our views?
3. Read Galatians 6:1-2. What should be our response to those who need to be restored from an unwise life choice? What would you say to someone who is dealing with guilt and shame?
4. How can we as a connect group put our faith into action when it comes to speaking out for the unborn?
5. How can we as a connect group help and support women going through a crisis pregnancy?
6. How can we as a connect group help people find forgiveness and restoration?
7. Read Psalm 139:13-6 & Ephesians 2:10. How should we view and treat those who may be different than us?