

The Deep End

Week 5: Abortion & The Church

Weekly Summary: God loves life. Throughout the Bible, God has much to say about the lives of people who are outside of the womb. Poor lives. Struggling lives. Trapped lives. Scared lives. What would it look like if God's people felt the same way as their Father in heaven and deeply cared about each life? How might the abortion discussion change if every Christians was pro-every-life?

- ◆ Big Idea: Be Pro (**Every**) Life!

- ◆ Acts 4:33b-35 - And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

- ◆ The Church meets **spiritual** needs.

- ◆ Romans 5:20 - But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.

- ◆ The Church meets **financial** needs.

- ◆ James 1:27 - Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

- ◆ The Church meets **relational** needs.

- ◆ Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

- ◆ Romans 10:11 - As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

Points to Ponder

1. Why is it common, even among Christians, to care more about the baby in the womb than about the other lives involved in an unplanned pregnancy?
2. Imagine if you yourself were pregnant and didn't plan it (or you had gotten a woman pregnant without planning it). What would be your top three needs? How might a local church that truly cared about you help you meet those needs?
3. Meditate on 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How does the gospel of Jesus' love for us affect the way we treat our neighbors, including those who are facing an unplanned pregnancy?

Homework For Next Week: 1 Peter 2:13-14