

## ABORTION

## Exodus 21:22-25; Genesis 9:6; Genesis 1:27; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Psalm 139:13-16; Romans 3:22-25

## SERMON SUMMARY....

Abortion is a difficult issue to discuss. It's personal. It's political. It's philosophical. But more than that, abortion is a theological issue. Many people have many things to say on the issue of abortion, but what matters more than any one voice is the voice of God. What does God reveal in His Word about the issue of life – namely, unborn human life. Tragically, we have missed God's heart for the unborn which consequently led to the death of over 55 million unborn human lives over the past 47-years.

As we look to God's Word to understand God's heart for the unborn, we'll see that God declares that...

- UNBORN HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED
- UNBORN HUMAN LIFE BEARS THE IMAGE OF GOD
- UNBORN HUMAN LIFE HAVE GREAT PURPOSE IN GOD'S PLANS

# **BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS...**

- 1. Read <u>Exodus 21:22-25</u> why is capital punishment ('life for life') imposed as the penalty for accidentally causing the death of an unborn child? What do these verses begin to reveal about God's heart about the sanctity of human life, specifically, that of the unborn human life?
- Read <u>Genesis 9:6</u> & <u>Genesis 1:27</u> where does human dignity derive from? What is it about the 'image of God' that gives humanity such value and worth? Why is murder of another human being ultimately an assault on God Himself?
- 3. Read <u>Jeremiah 1:4-5</u> & <u>Psalm 139:13-16</u> what do these two passages reveal to us about God's authorship over human life? If God knows us from the 'womb', what does that suggest about our value or purpose in life?
- 4. Read <u>Romans 3:22-25</u>. How are these verses an encouragement to those who might be wrestling with an unplanned pregnancy? How is this scripture an encouragement to all people who have experienced sin in their lives?

### **REFLECTION...**

How can the church (Christ-followers) come alongside women and men who are making life and death decisions?
How can we marry our words on abortion with our actions towards those struggling with this?