

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been present at the birth of a baby? What emotions did it stir in you? What do you remember about the experience?
2. Read Genesis 1 (yes, the whole chapter!) God's creative energy means that all life is sacred. What are some ways that 'life' is demeaned by us today? How does culture decide who is valuable vs. those who are not? How do we get pulled into that type of thinking?
3. Read Psalm 139:13-16. What does this verse teach us about God's concern for the unborn?
4. In the message some common arguments people use to defend the practice of abortion were mentioned. What other arguments have you heard? Brainstorm possible responses to these.
5. Read Psalm 82:3-4. How does this verse apply to the issue of abortion? What other social issues of our day might this apply to as well?
6. What are some ways that Christ-followers can positively make a difference for ...
  - a. The Unborn
  - b. The Pregnant Woman
  - c. The Responsible Man
  - d. The Fatherless Infant

# What Would Jesus Think?

Part 3 – “God... This is Your Life”

Psalm 139

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*All Scripture references are from the **New International Version (NIV)** unless otherwise noted. Amp=Amplified Bible, CEV=Contemporary English Version, ESV: English Standard Version, GN=Good News For Modern Man, JB=Jerusalem Bible, LB=Living Bible, MES=The Message, NASB=New American Standard Bible, NCV=New Century Version, NLT=New Living Translation, Ph=Phillips Paraphrase...*

## **God Has Given Us Life Founded On His...**

- **Knowledge** (v. 1-6)

*“My thoughts are completely different from yours,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)*

- **Presence** (v. 7-12)

*“For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that **we are but dust.**”* Psalm 103:14 (NASB)

*“The Lord gave me a message. He said, ‘**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 spokesman to the world.’”* Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NLT)

- **Hand** (v. 13-16)

*“This is what the LORD says—he who made you, **who formed you in the womb.**”* Isaiah 44:2 (NIV)

- **Heart** (v. 17-18)

*“For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

***For further study and to learn more about this topic, we encourage you to consult these and other resources at your local Christian bookstore or your local book retailer...***

**Acorn, Randy.** *Prolife Answers to Prochoice Arguments.* Multnomah Publishers, 2000.

**Copan, Paul.** *“True For You, But Not For Me.”* Deflating slogans that leave Christians speechless. Bethany House Publishers, 1998.

**McDowell, Josh.** *The Myths of Sex Education.* Here’s Life Publishers, 1991.

**Van Deist, Paul.** *10 Things Satan Doesn’t Want You to Know.* Multnomah Publishers, 1998.

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