



## GOD'S REDEMPTION

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### WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **On Earth As In Heaven** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **None Like You** (*Jesus Culture*)
- **Because Of Christ** (*The Belonging Co.*)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- I Chronicles 16:11
- Psalm 63:1
- Matthew 6:31-34; 7:7-8
- Deuteronomy 4:25-31

### OPENING PRAYER

Begin by thanking God for His redemptive work in each person's life and asking Him to open hearts and minds during your discussion time.

### Ice Breaker (5-10 min)

Share about a time when you lost something valuable and then found it or got it back. How did that make you feel?

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS (5 mins)**

1. God's redemption is personal - He chose us, formed us, and paid the ultimate price through Christ's blood to buy us back from sin.
2. The abortion landscape has shifted - Since Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022, states have varying laws, but abortion numbers have actually increased, largely due to accessibility of abortion pills.
3. Abortion is ultimately a heart issue - While legislation matters, lasting change happens when individual hearts are transformed by the gospel.
4. We can all participate in God's redemptive work - Through prayer, speaking truth in love, supporting pro-life ministries, and being safe people for others to confide in.
5. God redeems everything - From individual lives to physical buildings, God's redemptive power transforms darkness into light.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-40 min)**

### **Understanding God's Redemption (15 minutes)**

1. The sailboat story illustrates our redemption through Christ. Which part of that analogy resonates most with you personally? Why?
2. Read Ephesians 1:4, Psalm 139:13, and 1 Peter 1:18-19 together. What do these verses reveal about God's intentionality in creating you and redeeming you?
3. How does understanding your own redemption story change the way you view others who are facing difficult circumstances or who have made choices you disagree with?

### **The Current Cultural Reality (15 minutes)**

4. What surprised you most about the current abortion landscape in America? How does this information challenge or confirm what you already knew?
5. Al Mohler stated that "the logic of abortion has taken up residence in America" and that "it's an issue of the heart." What do you think he means by this? Do you agree?
6. Read Ephesians 4:15 - "Speaking the truth in love." How can we balance standing firm on biblical truth about the sanctity of life while showing compassion to those facing unplanned pregnancies?

### **Personal Application (20 minutes)**

7. Lisa mentioned several ways to live a "pro-life" life. Which of these resonates most with you?
  - Knowing and speaking truth in love
  - Teaching children about God's design for life
  - Being a safe person for others to confide in
  - Praying regularly
  - Supporting pro-life organizations
  - Volunteering
8. Have you ever been in a position where someone confided in you about a crisis pregnancy or past abortion? How did you respond? What would you do differently now?
9. The story of the Columbia strip club becoming an Align facility is a powerful picture of redemption. Where do you see "darkness" in your community that needs God's redemptive light? How might God be calling you to pray or act?
10. Lisa shared that even pro-lifers, when facing an unexpected pregnancy, may consider abortion. Why do you think this is true? How can the church better support people in crisis?

### **PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)**

#### **This Week:**

- Pray daily for one specific person or situation related to the sanctity of life (an abortion-minded woman, Align's ministry, workers at abortion clinics, legislators, etc.)
- Have a conversation with your children or teens about God's design for life, using age-appropriate language and scripture
- Identify one way you can support pro-life work (volunteer, give financially, participate in Baby Bottle Boomerang or Move for Life)

#### **This Month:**

- Sign up for Align's monthly prayer letter to stay informed
- Research the abortion laws and resources in your state
- Be intentional about being a "safe person" - let friends and family know you're available to talk through difficult situations without judgment

#### **This Year:**

- Consider volunteering regularly with Align or another pro-life organization
- Engage your church community - could your small group adopt a specific pro-life initiative?
- Study scripture on God's design for life, human dignity, and redemption to be better equipped to speak truth in love

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **Specific Prayer Points:**

- For women and men currently facing abortion decisions
- For those healing from past abortions
- For Align's new Columbia facility and the ministry that will happen there
- For hearts to be changed across our nation regarding the sanctity of life
- For group members to have courage and compassion in living pro-life lives
- For any personal requests related to today's discussion