

# SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE - YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PASTOR BRIAN COLES JANUARY 19, 2025

#### **WORSHIP**

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group is able to 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:

- Faithful And True (Phil Wickham)
- On The Throne (Bethel)
- Great I Am (Elevation Music)

# **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

- Genesis 1:27
- Luke 1:44
- Psalm 51:5
- Psalm 139:13-14
- Exodus 21:22-23

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and open your hearts to His message.

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- 1. The sanctity of human life is the biblical conviction that every human being is made in God's image, from conception until death.
- 2. Scripture affirms the value of life, including preborn babies.
- 3. Our right to life extends beyond the womb to all stages of life, including the elderly.
- 4. As believers, we are temples of the Holy Spirit, which underscores our inherent value.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What does it mean to you that every human being is made in God's image? How should this shape our interactions with others?
- 2. The sermon mentioned several Bible passages supporting the sanctity of life for preborn babies. Which of these passages stood out to you and why?
- 3. How can we, as a church community, better support and value:
  - a) Those affected by abortion?
  - b) Foster and adoptive families?
  - c) Victims of human trafficking?
  - d) The senior's in our congregation?
- 4. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How does the concept of being "God's temple" impact your view of human value and dignity?
- 5. What responsibilities do we have as Christians to protect and advocate for the sanctity of human life in all its stages, from the womb to old age?
- 6. Discuss the quote from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How can we encourage one another to focus on spiritual renewal even as our bodies age?

#### PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. Commit to praying regularly for the sanctity of human life in all its stages.
- 2. Identify one way you can practically support a foster/adoptive family, an elderly person, or an organization fighting human trafficking this week.
- 3. If you're an older believer, consider how you can mentor or share your wisdom with younger members of the church. If you're younger, seek out an older believer to learn from their experiences.
- 4. Reflect on how you treat your body as "God's temple." Are there any changes you need to make in light of this truth?
- 5. Write an encouraging note to someone who might feel undervalued in society (e.g., an elderly neighbor, a single parent, etc.), affirming their worth as God's creation.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sanctity of human life throughout the week and to look for opportunities to affirm the value of all people in their daily interactions.