



# BEYOND THE SERMON

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the Peace Church Community Life Team

# Sanctity of Life Sunday

## Genesis 1:24-31

Note: Our clarity is not intended to be condemnation, but an avenue for grace and conviction from the Holy Spirit. So walk away from this sermon not as a condemned sinner, but as a beloved son or daughter of God!

**It's not what we do or accomplish, it's whose image we are made in that gives us value.**

God gives his people a purpose and a mission. Manage and fill up the earth in a way that honors God. Human life is created by God, defined by God's image, and given a purpose by God

### 1. Ideas have consequences

"I'm just saying" or "that's just an idea" bears a heavy weight. In our country, some think that some people have less value because of the color of their skin or their specific culture...millions have died because of these ideas. Don't let anyone tell you that ideas are simply ponderings in a classroom, they have real life consequences!

### 2. Human life is broken

Because of sin, man's relationship with God, the world, and each other have been broken. Human life is still the image of God, but a stained image of God. Because of this, God grieves for us and with us

### Christians are not idealists, we are realists

God created us for so much and in his image, but this world is messed up until Jesus comes back and makes it all right. A challenge: we cannot simply hold up a banner for truth, we must roll up our sleeves and get in the trenches for the glory of God, WITH God.

### 3. Human life is still sacred

God has not given up on human beings! Conception and the beginnings of life tell us that God still sees us as his image-bearers! The argument used to be: life doesn't begin that early (that's been disproven)

The argument today: what is freedom? Pro-choice says to go with the decision that gives you the most freedom It all boils down to our worldview: God says human life is worth it. Freedom is not the ability to choose whatever you want, freedom is walking with Jesus!

Because of these reasons, abortion is incompatible with Biblical Christianity.

### A common objection: Christians only care about unborn lives, not the lives of struggling moms or kids

- This is sometimes true...and those moments we need to repent and turn towards truth
- The hypocrisy of Christians does not negate the truth of God
- Is this an attempt to justify siding with the side of the world?
- While this may be true for some, it is not true of all

## On your own: use these questions to prepare for your group discussion (optional)

1. What questions do you still have about the passage?
2. What are the main points, ideas, and themes in the passage?
3. What did you learn about God from this passage?
4. What did you learn about humanity from this passage?
5. How does this passage apply to your life right now?
6. What are one or two concrete ways you can live out this truth this week?

## With your group: discuss the following questions

1. How can people tell what's valuable to you? Think about the most expensive purchase you made recently. How do stores and retail establishments calculate the value of their products?
2. How does our society calculate the value of people?
3. Read Psalm 139, Psalm 51, Job 31:13-15. How do these passages shed new light on God's care for human life?
4. What are some practical ways you can value life this week?
5. What does God say to the person who has taken a life or committed any other sin (look at Psalm 103:10-14; Micah 7:18-19; Prov. 28:13; 1John 1:9; Rom. 8:1)?

Check out these two ministries, and think as a group of a way that you can donate to, support, or pray for their efforts to support life.

**BARRY COUNTY ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER**

Donation options: diapers, baby food, baby supplies, hygienic items, baby and toddler clothing up to size 5T, diaper bags 838 W Green St. | [directoratmap@gmail.com](mailto:directoratmap@gmail.com) | (269) 948-9013

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER**

Check out <https://prcforldlife.org/join-us/urgent-needs/> for current material needs. All items should be delivered to our Family Support Services office (2438 28th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519). For more information, call 616-261-0014

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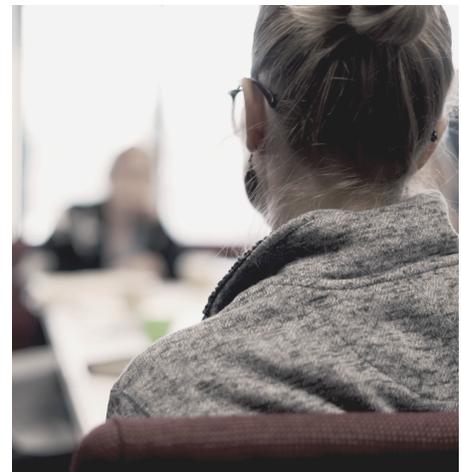
On Sunday morning, God's Word is preached. But Christians are called to live out the Word.

Each week, we will provide a summary of the sermon, scripture to read, and questions to further your discussions.

**"NOT JUST HEARERS, BUT DOERS."**

## WHO IS IT FOR?

This document is for anyone who wants to dig deeper into the Word! Use this resource to discuss the sermon with your kids around the dinner table, your Community Group, or with your spouse, and apply it in your life.



## I MISSED THE SERMON ON SUNDAY, WHERE CAN I FIND A RECORDING?

The sermon can be found on our Facebook page on Sundays, and on our website and PeaceChurchMI podcast later in the week.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE RESOURCES?

If you/your family or Growth Group has questions about the content of the sermon, or need more resources for further study, please email [beyond@peacechurch.cc](mailto:beyond@peacechurch.cc)

## SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

[BlueLetterBible.org](http://BlueLetterBible.org)

ESV Study Bible

[TheGospelCoalition.org](http://TheGospelCoalition.org) (use the "explore" function to search for specific passages)

