



Our hope is that you were challenged by Sunday's message and would desire to take the study a little deeper. Whether for personal study, family study, or for a Home Group gathering, use this study to go deeper.

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We all know the tragic reality. Since it was made legal (*Roe v. Wade*, 1973), more than 60 million unborn children have been lost to abortion. There is good news. Records for 2014 indicated abortions were at their lowest since 1974. Local news, generated through our local pregnancy clinic, HAPC, is also increasingly positive. Not only have numerous abortion-vulnerable mothers in this area reconsidered life, but the hope found in Jesus Christ has been shared over and over again. That is what really matters, isn't it. Beyond the statistics, we are compelled to act because we believe God has something to say about life, children, and protecting those who are innocent. Jesus even used helpless babies to demonstrate the free gift of salvation He came to offer. We must be clear about what concerns Him.

Main Point

God is "pro-life," to use modern, abortion language. Like building blocks from one passage to the next, the bible speaks to the identity, the importance, and the protection of little ones.

Read

Genesis 1:28; Exodus 23:6-7; Deuteronomy 12:28-32;
Psalm 16:6-7; 139:13-16; 145:3-7; Luke 18:15-17

Discuss

- No person is "innocent" with regard to sin. And yet, the bible uses this term often and speaks to the protection of the innocent. How do these fit together?
- How important is the protection of the innocent to God? Why does He make defending them such a high priority?
- For Israel, sacrificing children is one of the most distinctive differences they were to have with surrounding, pagan nations. What does this say about our commitment to the life of the unborn?
- According to Psalm 145, what is at least one purpose of each generation?
- Why does Luke specifically use "babies" when he describes the rebuke of the disciples v. the invitation of Jesus?
- According to Psalm 139, why does God's protection of children extend to those not yet born?