



Expressing
pro-life views
in
Winsome Ways

———— Discussion Questions ————

Video 1: Acknowledging the Pre-Born as Fully Human

1. Why is “What is the pre-born” **the** fundamental question in any discussion about abortion?
2. What are some reasons people who support abortion might not see a pre-born child as human?
3. How can you shift a conversation about abortion to the fundamental question “*What is the pre-born?*”
4. What side arguments or “rabbit trails” are difficult for you to avoid?
5. Is it easy or difficult for you to discuss your views about abortion without getting disparaging or defensive? Why?
6. Have you ever avoided discussing pro-life views to prevent an argument?
7. Why is the sanctity of human life important to you?
8. Psalm 139:13-16 says God “knitted” us in our mother’s womb and saw our “unformed substance.” How do these verses help Christ-followers view God as the Author of Life?

Video 2:

A Persuasive Case for the Pre-Born

1. Why is it important to say the pre-born have *value* at the same time as saying they are human beings?
2. How could the SLED acronym — **S**ize, **L**evel of development, **E**nvironment, **D**egree of dependence — be persuasive in a discussion about pro-life issues?
3. Using the SLED acronym, how could you answer these assertions:
 - a. “Embryos are so small. They’re not even human yet.” (**size**)
 - b. “In the womb, babies aren’t developed enough to be human.” (**level of development**)
 - c. “A baby isn’t a person until it’s born.” (**environment**)
 - d. “A fetus doesn’t have a right to life because it depends on its mother to survive.” (**degree of dependence**)
4. In Genesis 1:27, the Bible says God created humanity in His image. Why is this an important part of a pro-life view?

Video 3: How Science Is Settled on the Pre-Born

1. What role should science have in a discussion of pro-life issues?
2. Scott Klusendorf says that science acknowledges that life begins at fertilization. How does this strengthen a pro-life worldview?
3. Jim Daly, John Fuller, and Scott Klusendorf discussed the question, *“How do two human parents create offspring that is not human but later becomes so?”* How could that be a persuasive point for a pro-life advocate?
4. Psalm 127 says, “Children are a heritage from the LORD,” and “The fruit of the womb a reward.” How do Scripture and science fit in with your pro-life worldview?

If you want to learn more about the science of pro-life, check out these links:

- Focus on the Family – <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life/pre-born/speaking-up-to-defend-life/how-science-supports-the-pro-life-position>
- Family Research Council – <https://www.frc.org/brochure/the-best-pro-life-arguments-for-secular-audiences>
- March for Life – <https://marchforlife.org/scientific-evidence-that-life-begins-at-fertilization/>

Video 4: Why Economics and Hardship Aren't Good Reasons for Abortion

1. How can a person with pro-life views show compassion to pregnant women who are struggling financially or are in an unsafe environment?
2. How could Scott Klusendorf's "trotting out the toddler" argument be effective or ineffective in a discussion about pro-life issues?
3. How do people who argue against pro-life issues use assumptions to state their case? How can you respond to these assumptions?
4. Why is it important for people with pro-life views to show care for pregnant women or those who have had an abortion?
5. How could you show care and support to a woman who has had an abortion or is considering one?
6. Jesus commanded in Mark 12:31, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." How should this instruction play out for a person with pro-life views?

If you know a woman who has had an abortion or is considering one and wants counseling, help her contact Focus on the Family Counseling Services at 1-855-771-HELP (4357) weekdays 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (MT).

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/lifechallenges/promos/counseling-services-and-referrals>

Video 5: What About a Woman's Right to Choose?

1. Do pro-life views add tension to discussions about abortion in the public square? Why or why not?
2. Scott Klusendorf said, "*It's a woman's right to choose*" is not an adequate argument. Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Jim Daly says the culture has been duped because it equates a *moral decision* — to end the life of a pre-born baby — with *non-moral choices*. Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. How can you make sure your pro-life views are seen as *moral* claims and not seen as *preference* claims?
5. Proverbs 31:8 urges us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. What do you sense God is calling you to do after watching this video series?

Bonus Video: Debunking the Quality of Life Pro-Choice Argument

1. Some pockets of today's culture have allowed physician-assisted suicide and see some human lives (elderly, disabled, etc.) as not worth saving. How can a pro-life argument stand up in that environment?
2. In a situation in which a mother's life *and* a baby's life are at risk and an abortion could save one of them, how does a pro-life viewpoint answer that?
3. Why is the argument "*Abortion is a compassionate choice for a baby who would be born into an abusive or impoverished home*" not a solid one?
4. Scott Klusendorf talks about hardship not justifying ending a life. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Isaiah 44:24 and Jeremiah 1:4-5 both say that God *formed* us in the womb and even *knew* us before He did so! What does that say about pre-born babies who are growing inside a mother who is in dire circumstances?

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