

# Psalm 139:13–18 | Abortion

## Study Questions from 19.05.2024 sermon

### Study & Discussion

i. Read Exodus 20:13 and Leviticus 19:18. These passages express negatively and positively that we are not to intentionally take the life of another human being. Abortion is intentionally taking the life of another human being therefore abortion is wrong. But is the baby human? Look up the following Bible passages and discuss what they say about unborn babies being human.

- Psalm 139:13—16b
- Exodus 21:22-25
- Luke 1:41
- Genesis 1:26

ii. Look at these facts from embryology and discuss what science says about unborn babies being human:

### Embryos:

1. Their cells reproduce (they grow)
2. They metabolise (turn food into energy)
3. They respond to stimuli
4. They are a distinct, separate entity from their mother
5. They have their own unique genetic code which is different to parents
6. They have their own gender
7. They have their own blood type

### **From 8 weeks babies can:**

1. Suck their thumb
2. Recoil from pain
3. Respond to sound
4. All organs are present
5. Brain is functioning
6. Heart is pumping
7. Liver is making blood cells
8. Kidneys are cleaning
9. Has a unique fingerprint

iii. Someone might say "An unborn baby is a human but not a person."

Discuss what the **Size, Level of Development, Environment** and **Dependency** of a baby has to do with its personhood.

iv. In the UK babies can be aborted up to term for club foot, cleft pallet and Downs Syndrome. Do you agree with this law? Why? Why not?

v. Imagine you are discussing abortion with a woman who is pro-abortion and she says to you "My body, my choice." How would you respond?

vi. What will your response be to what the Bible says about abortion? Share with your group.

### **Prayer**

Spend some time praying about what you've discussed and pray for one another.