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Title: Continuing Together in Prayer, Pt 4: “Pray the Sanctity of Human Life” – Psalm 139

Big Idea: Pray the Sanctity of Human Life!

Read Psalm 139.

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

1. God knows me completely – Psalm 139:1-6.

Read Psalm 139:1-4. What does this passage teach you about the nature and character of God?

Can you love someone effectively if you don't know and understand them? Explain your answer.

Based on this passage, what does God know about you? How does this both encourage and challenge you?

Spend a few minutes in prayer as a group responding to the truth that God knows each of us completely.

2. God is with me everywhere – Psalm 139:7-12

Read Psalm 139:7-12. What are some reasons people might try to run from God's presence? Is it possible?

Have you ever tried to run from God's presence? Why or why not?

Why is it good news that God is with us everywhere?

How could you remind yourself day by day that you are living in the presence of God?

Do you have any dark places of fear, anxiety, or pain in your life? How does it help you to know that God is with you even in those?

Spend a few minutes in prayer as a group responding to the truth that God is with us everywhere.

3. God shapes me from conception to all my days – Psalm 139:13-18

Read Psalm 139:13-18. What does this passage teach us about God's role in human life?

From God's perspective, are there any unplanned pregnancies? Consider Jeremiah 1:5 for help in answering.

Based on this passage, at what stage of development does human life begin? Whose work is it?

In light of verse 16, do you think there any circumstances where abortion would be God's will? Why or why not?

How should the truth that God shapes us from conception to all our days affect how we view ourselves? How should it affect how we view others?

Spend a few minutes in prayer as a group responding to the truth that God shapes us from conception to all our days.

4. God will deliver me from evil – Psalm 139:19-24

Read Psalm 139:19-24. Do you think it is right to pray like David prayed in verses 19-22? Why or why not?

Is David taking justice or vengeance into his own hands? In whose hands is he leaving it?

Do you think it is inconsistent or impossible to both love and hate the human enemies of God at the same time? Why or why not?

Based on Ephesians 6:12, who are the real enemies of God? How can this help us better understand how to pray Psalm 139?

Read Romans 12:19-20. How does this passage help you better understand how to pray Psalm 139?

When it comes to the sanctity of human life, what are some ways that we can protect and rescue the innocent in ways that honor God?

"Next Steps" Takeaway:

With God, with others, on mission:

- Ask God to search you and lead you:
 - What should you pray?
 - What should you give?
 - Sanctity of Human Life Offering
 - Garden of Hope Ministries
 - First Image
 - Obria Medical Clinic
 - Sandy-Estacada Pregnancy Resource Centers
 - What should you do?