

**Introduction:**

1. Describe the most dangerous situation you have been rescued from.
2. When have you discovered something wonderful in a person who was physically or mentally challenged?

**Understanding:**

3. What is the difference between how political parties stand on abortion and how God stands?
4. What is the difference between “It is my body and my choice” and the DNA evidence of the unborn child?
5. Read Genesis 1:27. Think about what we are like as people. What are some of the features we have that reflect us being in the image of God?
6. Read Psalm 8:3-5. What is stunning about how God looks at us? Why?
7. Read James 3:9-10. Why is it especially bad to tear down someone else?
8. Read Jeremiah 1:5, about God’s call to Jeremiah. What does this verse imply about when Jeremiah was in the womb? What does it imply about *anyone* who is in the womb?
9. Read Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-16. Which attribute of God mentioned in these verses have you recently seen firsthand? What should characterize our treatment of others (the sick, poor, disabled, unborn, elderly) in light of the fact that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made?
10. Thank God that there is a remedy for the sin of abortion. That’s exactly what Jesus was nailed to a cross for. To take the punishment for all of your sins...including that one! So if you’ve been walking around with shame, it’s time you put that behind you. Keeping in mind that Jesus is the fulfillment, read Psalm 103:8-12. What is especially powerful here about what God does with the shame and guilt from the past sin?
11. No matter how hard having a baby might make your life, it doesn’t justify taking someone else’s life. See Matthew 5:21-22. If Christ is saying to do the opposite of these verses, what positive ways does this show up in how we live?

**Application:**

12. If there is abortion in your past, there are 2 steps to consider:
  - a. If you email [setfree@jacksonvillechapel.org](mailto:setfree@jacksonvillechapel.org), a woman who has experienced abortion is the only one who will receive that email, and she would love to interact with you.
  - b. Women’s Life ministry is offering a new group this spring. It’s called “Move On,” and the woman who wrote the course has abortion in her past, so she speaks from personal experience. Sign up for that group by going to the web site, click on “Connect” and “Join a Group,” and then sort by gender, and look for the “Move On” women’s group.

13. If you are a man who has pressured a woman into having an abortion, God wants to deal with that sin also. Look again at Question 10 and work through how confession of sin and repentance and forgiveness applies for you too.
  
14. Do one of these three actions apply for you?
  - a. Consider fostering or adopting.
  - b. In the Public Square — maybe it's in social media; maybe you're in higher education; maybe God has called you into the political realm. What would it mean for you to use your voice and your influence to protect the most innocent, most helpless members of our society?
  - c. In Front-Line Ministry. Maybe you have the gifts and passion and calling to help people choose life over abortion. Consider a group like Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center.