

WEIRD

(BECAUSE NORMAL ISN'T WORKING)



STAND FOR LIFE

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MESSAGE RECAP

God is calling the church to rise up for the unborn and for the orphan (James 1:27; Prov. 24:11-12). God cares for the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18), and though it is uncomfortable and challenging, God is leading us into broken places as agents of redemption and healing. He is calling his church to engage the injustices of our culture concerning the unborn or the orphan by praying, giving, volunteering, and following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

GETTING STARTED

1. What does it mean when God calls us to walk *justly* or to *do justice* (Micah 6:8; Amos 5:24)? What is justice?

GOING DEEPER

1. How has the church responded to the issues concerning the unborn and the orphan in the past? Where these responses effective in bringing change or healing?
2. How should we as believers engage these issues now? What hinders many of us from responding?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. How has abortion affected you directly or indirectly? What may God be calling you to in terms of receiving healing or being an instrument of healing for others?
2. How can Beltway Park (which includes you) lead our community in caring for **all** the orphans of Taylor County? What are the next steps to take to demonstrate that leadership?

MINISTRY TIME

It is highly probable that someone in your Life Group has been affected directly or indirectly by abortion or by issues related to an orphan. For some, there may be significant measures of freedom, healing, and forgiveness that need to take place. For others, there may be a stirring to action that is both overwhelming and intimidating. **Take time as a group to pray over those in either of these areas, asking the Lord to infuse courage and strength to engage these difficult and broken issues well.**

TAKING ACTION

This week, pray for the unborn and the orphans of the Abilene region and the state of Texas. Ask the Lord to end abortion, to cover over the sins of our nation, and to bring revival. Pray also for the orphans of Taylor County, asking Jesus to stir the churches within our region to provide loving, Spirit-filled homes of healing for these orphans.

JUST FOR LEADERS

VISION CASTING:

This month, challenge your Life Group to be intentional about **cultivating relationships** within your group. Beyond your group's Fireteam and Impact Group (breaking into groups just for men/women), encourage your group members to purposefully get together outside of your Life Group gathering to foster stronger connections.

CRITICAL DATES & INFORMATION:

- DNA Infusion: Wednesdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 19 (Sunday), & 22
- GroupLink: Sunday, January 29 @ 6:30pm in the Worship Center

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