

Small Group Discussion Guide

"Living in Fear and Wonder"
Matt

1-15-12



Discussion Points

Big Idea:

"Fostering a culture of *life*."

Main Text:

Psalm 139:13-16

- Read Psalm 139:1-4. Do you *live* in the awareness that God knows you (and others) personally and intimately? How does your answer impact *you* and how you treat others on a daily basis?
- Read verses 5-12. God is always present, all powerful, and all good. How can embracing these truths about God enable you to rest secure?
- Read verses 13-15. Matt showed us a video that exemplified the miracle of human life, showing how we are fearfully and wonderfully made. This makes abortion unfathomable. Some say, "I don't approve of abortion but I believe in a woman's right to choose." Such a statement is rooted in the fear of man rather than the fear of God. Such an attitude toward abortion welcomes God's enemy (Satan) into our lives and culture. Talk about why all that is true.
- Read verses 19-22. God has an enemy. We are called to hate evil. We must become good haters. This does NOT mean blowing up abortion clinics or doing evil in return for evil. How are we to overcome evil? How are we to put evil to death? There are four steps. Discuss and apply each one to your own life:
 1. Begin with the part of *you* that partners with the enemy.
 2. Ask God to show you those activities that war against his activities.
 3. Ask how he would like you to be different.
 4. Move (Fear him instead of man).
- Based on your answers above, would you say you are a person who fosters a culture of life in your home and all your spheres of influence, or would you tend to allow evil in? Please explain why you say what you say.

Where do you need greater wisdom, courage and love to speak up in order to foster a culture of life?