



September 25, 2016
Celebration · 9:00 am
Elevation · 11:00 am
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Life, Death and the Defenseless

The Bible tells us that human life is a sacred gift from God and thus innocent life should not be taken. Genesis 1:26, Exodus 12:13, Luke 10:27

- God cares about the unborn life. Job 3:3, Psalm 139:13-16, Luke 1:39-56
- God cares about the end of life. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, Hebrews. 9:27
- God cares about the defenseless life. Luke 10:25-37, Luke 5:18-25

Jesus calls us to be people who are actively investing in promoting life, every life, regardless of the state of that life.

- Common Ground - We love and value life enough to do something.
- How does the world see Christians as we respond to this issue?
- How do we personally respond and contribute to life being valued and preserved?
 - We respond in love.
 - We educate ourselves on all the issues that contribute to life not being valued.
 - We vote according to our beliefs for what will most contribute to life.
 - We lovingly care for individuals who have made decisions that they regret.
 - We respond to the needs that cause people to not value life.

Immediate ways to respond at today's Reach Fair:

- Serve or support Obria Medical Clinic or Safe Families for Children.
- Consider foster care, adoption or supporting others with our Orphan Care Ministry.
- Serve children with special needs in Bridge Ministry.
- Serve with our Retirement Ministry.
- Serve at the Love Santa Ana Initiative as we fight poverty and spread the gospel of Jesus to our city.
- Serve at NeighborGood day here at Calvary Church as we help those in need and spread the gospel of Jesus.

Next Steps

1. **Join us for Common Ground Conversations with Dr. Scott Rae this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.** Dr. Scott Rae's primary interests are medical ethics and business ethics, dealing with the application of Christian ethics to medicine and the marketplace. He is Professor of Christian Ethics at Biola University's Talbot School of Theology, has authored 10 books in ethics, and is a consultant for ethics for four Southern California hospitals.
2. **Go to the Reach Fair in the Lobby** and commit to support or serve one of these areas of ministry that are engaging people for Jesus and promoting the preservation of all life.
3. **Read a book that will help you learn more about these different topics:**
 - *'Doing the Right Thing'* by Scott Rae
 - *'Introducing Christian Ethics'* by Scott Rae
 - *'The Bible, Disability and the Church'* by Amos Yong
 - *'Becoming Human'* by Jean Vanier

These books and more are available for purchase or to order through Calvary's Corner Bookstore.

LifeGroup Discussion

1. How has this sermon today helped you think differently about the sanctity of life?
2. Read Luke 10:25-37 and consider how our response to issues regarding life can be both in love and in action.
3. Which of these specific issues do you resonate with most and want to take action - unborn, end of life, defenseless? What are some ways that we can respond as a group to help promote and preserve life?