

God's Love for the Unborn and the Sinner

Matthew 18:10-14

Sermon Discussion Questions

December 3, 2023

1. Like the testimony in the beginning of the message, what are some ways that you've been a witness to God's character as a defender, provider and father to the fatherless?
2. Since the focus of this sermon isn't externally on governmental or legislative change, how have your personal thoughts shifted or changed on the unborn as a result of our text in Matthew 18?
3. Did you have a situation where you felt "despised" as a "little one"? Have you experienced God's healing hand since that experience? Where might you still need to seek God for truth and healing in this area?
4. How does caring for the unborn or lost sheep in your life witness to God's heart? How could you use this text in an explanation to a non-believer of God's heart toward the "little ones" in our world?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. How can you trust that God's grace is sufficient for you, for his power is made perfect in weakness? How can your weakness be a witness to a "little one" who is experiencing accusations from the enemy about their weaknesses?
6. If a family member or friend confessed to you about having an abortion, how would you respond in light of the sermon this morning? How would you respond differently to someone considering an abortion?
7. Pastor Jim applies this passage to lesser cases such as prioritizing work over your family, engaging in pornography or treating people in a younger generation harshly. What are some ways that you have fallen short in loving the unborn, children or young adults?
8. What should our posture towards the people who are most vulnerable among us be as a church? How do we, like Jesus, go and search for the lost sheep? What does this look like practically for a community? Do we do this well at Calvary?