



A Christian Response to Abortion

Leader Information

How Does the Course Work?

The Bible study "A Christian Response To Abortion" can be used in a variety of religious educational settings. The course is organized into four sessions. Each session should take about sixty minutes. Each session is based on clearly established biblical objectives and provides step-by-step directions for beginning, developing, and closing the session.

Each session opens with a viewing of a segment of a video which is a vital part of the learning process. This is followed with discussion questions, session exercises and closing prayer. Your goals as the leader are to:

- Launch a discussion on the subject
- Focus the discussion on Scripture passages
- Invite and aid in summarizing each session with appropriate suggestions.

Each session has the study material you will need for that session in PDF format which can be downloaded from the links on each session's page. These are:

- The lesson plan/outline
- Scripture verses
- Student handouts/work sheets
- Sign in sheet (included in session 1)

Some sessions have extra material that can be ordered from the "order info" page. You will see more about this below under list item #7.

The DVDs "A Matter of Choice" and "The Silent Scream" can be ordered through the links found on the order info page or by calling Crusade for Life at the contact number at the end of this page.

LEADER PREPARATION

Acquaint yourself with all of the study course materials: videos, handouts, sample materials and the study guide. As you review the material pray about what you have read and viewed. Ask the Lord to guide you in your preparation and leadership. Be open to creative ideas that you may have received during your prayer time. Think about those who will be attending and how you can convey the information to them in a way that will be easy to understand. Your own prayers for directions and your prayers for class members will enrich the course.

1. Invitation to Attend

After approaching you pastor for permission, ask him to look over the study, to give suggestions and to help advertise it. The series of four studies should be announced in your church bulletin and/or newsletter.

2. Child Care

You may want to organize some type of baby-sitting arrangements especially if the class is in the evening or some other different time, this way you are sure to include families with children. Usually the class will be given during the Sunday School hour.

3. Equipment

You will need to secure a DVD player and something with a large enough screen so that everyone can see, especially if you get into larger classes.

4. Student Notes

The student handouts are available in PDF format and are found at the beginning of each class session. Always make extras for those who may attend at the last minute or who didn't attend previous classes. Each class session builds on the previous session. It is a good idea to hand out student notes just before the discussion time. If you hand them out too early, it may become a distraction during the first part of class.

5. Sign-In Sheet and Name Tags

You may want to have a sign-in sheet and name tags, especially if you have extended an invitation to other churches or classes. You may later want to call the class members.

6. Refreshment

Refreshments are a symbol of fellowship. Plan to have fellowship/refreshment time at the end of each session so those who have to leave early can do so without missing any of the lesson. Sometimes a different person can volunteer to bring refreshments each time or everyone can bring something to share.

7. Cost

Talk it over with your pastor or class leader. If you plan on ordering extra material, a fee may be necessary. Possibly each person can purchase what they want individually or you could ask for a set fee - say \$5 and supply several extra items. This could include a booklet on fetal development, a colored flier on abortion and the little feet pin. See the order info page for more information about ordering these.

8. Staying Organized

There is nothing like getting to class only to find that something important (like the DVD) was accidentally left behind. You may be very organized and already have a plan for avoiding such a scenario. If not, here is one suggestion. Purchase a plastic portable file holder at your local office supply center such as the one shown. Everything that is necessary for the class can be kept in this container,



ready to go, in an organized manner. Other items such as pencils or pens can also be easily stored and transported in a file box like this.

Additionally, something like a pocket folder for each participant would be useful so that the class materials from each session can be keep together. A thin 3 ring binder would be another possibility.

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Thank you for introducing your class to this very important current issue. This study could change their lives! If you have any further questions, please contact:

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