A Guide for Communicating Biblical Truth at an Abortion Mill

Ministering the word of God at an abortion mill, where preborn babies are being murdered and mothers and fathers may lash out in hatred toward the truth, is an extremely challenging thing. Emotions are high and the enemy is fast at work. No matter what, however, we must remember why we are there – to plead for the lives of these babies being led to the slaughter, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and to call on men and women to repent and believe.

I provide this brief outline of Scriptural material for the purpose of aiding those engaged in abortion ministry, or those preparing to do so. It will be to our benefit if we go into such an environment with a sort of framework in mind by which we intend to communicate biblical truth that is especially relevant to this context. The following guide is not exhaustive by any means, but seeks to provide a Scriptural and theological foundation upon which one may build.

Before getting into the main content of this material, consider the following proverbs and how they apply to the area of ministering at an abortion mill.

Proverbs 12:5, 26, 28 "The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.... The righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.... In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death."

Proverbs 24:11-12 "Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, oh hold them back. If you say, 'See, we did not know this,' does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?"

I. Man is made in the image of God

Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6

Psalm 139:13-16

The fact that man is made in the image of God is one of the most precious and foundational truths in all of Scripture. It basically tells us that we were created in a unique relationship with God, are moral beings, have innate dignity, and are to represent the character of God on Earth. This is true of the pre-born as much as it is of those who have already been born. The baby in the womb is a human being — made in the image of God — and for that reason is to be protected as such.

II. Children are a blessing from the Lord

Psalm 127:3

Genesis 1:28; 9:7

The Bible refers to children as a gift, a reward from the Lord! Unfortunately, our society tends to view children as a "burden" and a "problem". In the eyes of many, children are a hindrance to self-fulfillment and progress, and therefore their lives need to be prevented, at whatever cost. Abortion is a direct attack, not only against the blessedness of children, but against God's command to "be fruitful and multiply". Life is a beautiful thing, and God takes pleasure in it. But abortion only brings death, and unjustly so.

III. God is holy and righteous and ought to be feared and obeyed

Psalm 5:4; 7:11; 89:14

Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 5:21; 15:3

We must not shy away from proclaiming the fearful expectation of judgment upon the wicked by the holy and righteous God and Creator. We must warn them of the coming day of wrath. Abortion destroys God's image-bearers and transgresses His holy law ("You shall not murder." Ex. 20:13). God will not hold back His wrath forever; justice will be served.

IV. There is forgiveness of sins in and through Jesus Christ alone

Genesis 3:15

John 3:16-18, 36; 5:24

Romans 5:6, 8; 6:23; 8:1

2 Corinthians 5:21

1 Peter 3:18

If your ministry at an abortion mill is without the gospel, then it can hardly be called a ministry. We are not merely seeking social justice (as necessary and important as that is) by pleading for the lives of these babies being led to the slaughter, but we are heralds of King Jesus' Good News. The ultimate remedy for such wickedness as abortion is widespread repentance brought about by gospel proclamation and the Spirit's sovereign work. In short, we are not only seeking to save lives, but to save souls. It's not an either-or ministry, but a both-and ministry.