

IMAGO DEI

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

You Knitted Me Together in My Mother's Womb *January 23, 2022*

Read Psalm 139

Dr. Travis Brawner concisely described the development process of human life from a single cell to 37 trillion cells. In the process, 3 billion nucleotides in the 23 chromosomes of DNA are replicated in each cell. The 23rd chromosome contains ~5% of the information in the DNA and uniquely identifies each cell as male or female. Each “result” of this knitting together process is a person created in the image of God—the imago Dei. What about this process amazes you most?

Read Jeremiah 1:5

Many of us have seen ultrasound images of babies in the womb, and some of us have watched our own children on the ultrasound monitor. Did the live ultrasound on Sunday give you an appreciation for the person being knit together in Ember's womb? What impact could this child have on the world? Has God placed a calling on his or her life, as He did on Jeremiah's life?

Are there specific actions you can take to support life, at any stage?

Abortion can often be categorized as a political issue that causes us to “take sides.” This is an area where we need to present truth **and** love. How would you encourage someone with a pro choice view to understand the idea of Imago Dei? What place does understanding and compassion take in these conversations?

Abortion can cause someone to carry a great deal of shame. How can we as a church minister to people who have been impacted by abortion?

This week, consider praying Psalm 139. Replace the 1st-person pronouns, I, me, my, with 2nd-person pronouns for someone else, an expectant mother and/or father, an unborn child, those serving in organizations supporting life, or someone else God brings to your mind.