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Worship with us in the Word

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Life is sacred...

- 1. Because life is God's gift.
- 2. Because man is made in God's image.
- 3. Because man is distinct from every other created thing.
- 4. Because Scripture stresses <u>life in the womb</u> matters to God.

Key Question: If the Bible states this so clearly, why has our society adopted a contrary position?

Historical Shift in Thinking:

- Guiding Thought of <u>Scripture</u>: *The Creator God is supreme; He made us, and we are responsible to Him.*
- Guiding Thought of <u>Deism</u>: God made the world, but then left it on its own.
- Guiding Thought of <u>Evolutionary Theory</u>: There is no God. Humans are highly developed biological machines.
- Guiding Thought of <u>Existentialism</u>: It is no longer about humanity, but me. "I am #1. I am God of my world."

Existentialism is a fancy philosophical word for... <u>Selfishness</u>.

What to do now:

- Understand the Word; think biblically!
- Understand the culture's thinking; don't be surprised or intimidated
- Learn how to get to the gospel through a discussion on abortion.

Preparing for next week: Read Nehemiah 1-2:10.