

# Bible Study and Discussion Questions

## Psalm 10 (The Gospel and Abortion)

(week of Nov. 8, 2015)

### Questions for Study and Understanding

1. As many as 70 of the Psalms involve *lament*—honest expressions of frustration and complaint, raised to God in prayer. Why do you think this language is so uncommon in the church's experience and music today?
2. In v. 1, the psalmist laments God's apparent absence in "times of trouble." How does he describe these "times of trouble" in vv. 2-11?
3. Based on what the psalmist emphasizes and repeats, what seems to be the central problem underneath the actions of the wicked?
4. What parallels do you see between the description of trouble in vv. 2-11 and the abortion industry today?
5. How would you summarize the Lord's response to the trouble (see vv. 12-18)?

### Questions for Reflection and Application

6. How does the Lord's response to injustice (vv.12-18) apply to the abortion crisis today?
7. How does the good news of Jesus shape our response the abortion crisis in general, and how we ministry to people caught in that crisis in particular?
8. Discuss the four specific applications offered at the conclusion of the sermon:
  - a. What needs to happen in order to make or reinforce a commitment to *honor life personally* (i.e. the commitment not to terminate our own pregnancy, or that of our spouse or child)?
  - b. How equipped do you feel at *honoring life persuasively* (i.e. understanding the issue and being able to discuss it persuasively with friends, family, and colleagues)?
  - c. What are some tangible ways you can come along others in your life or community to *honor life practically* (e.g. care for pregnant mothers or single moms, help with crisis pregnancy centers)?
  - d. What can we do to *honor life politically*, especially in light of recent media attention thanks to the recent undercover videos at Planned Parenthood?