

# MOMENTUM BUILDERS

DIGGING INTO THE HEART OF THE MESSAGE.

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## "3 STEPS TO VALUING THE UNBORN"

*Sean shares three steps towards bringing value to one of the most overlooked, unseen members of humanity—the unborn.*

**WATCH:** Sean McDowell —Momentum 2012. 42 Minutes. <http://onmissioninsights.com/theunseenunborn>

**James 1:27**—Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

### **THE CHOICES YOU MAKE IN THIS LIFE WILL ECHO IN THE GENERATIONS TO COME.**

Human value doesn't come from what you look like or from what you have, it comes from something that we all have in common: All of us were made in the image of God.

- We care about the poor because they are made in the image of God.
- We care about Muslims because they are made in the image of God.
- We care about orphans because they are made in the image of God.
- And we care about the unborn because they are made in the image of God from the moment of conception.

### **THREE SIMPLE STEPS WHICH PROVIDE A POWERFUL CASE FOR THE UNBORN:**

#### **Step One – The unborn is alive**

When do you think life begins? Every embryological text book will tell you that life begins at conception. Is the mom alive, yes. Is the dad alive, yes. Is the egg alive? Yes. Is the sperm alive? Yes. There is no death in this equation. Even if we were not sure whether the unborn was alive or not, the burden of proof is on those who take life. Pro-life gets the benefit of the doubt.

#### **Step 2 – Fighting against the belief, "It's a woman's body, she can do what she wants."**

If the unborn was part of the mother's body, then women pregnant with sons would be both male and female. But that is absurd. Women are able to carry another human body distinct from her own, both in gender, blood type, race, and other physical features—including unique DNA, separate from the mother.

Additionally, women's rights to her own body are limited when it brings harm to herself and another human being. This is true in terms of prostitution, drug use, and prohibition against violent crimes.

#### **Step 3 –It's human.**

It would be absurd to think that a pregnant woman will have anything other than a human baby. There is not any possibility to carry a cheetah, koala, or dolphin to term. While you may not know if a baby is male or female—there is a guarantee that it will be human. Why? Because it was created from human parents.

**Closing thoughts:** Think through with your group the last few questions on which we deem value and humanity. The unborn is different because it is smaller; less developed, in a different environment, and has a different degree of dependency. Yet, think through this:

- Does size determine value?
- Does where you are in your stages of development (which last through life) determine your value?
- Does where you are change the value of who you are?
- Does dependency change the level of humanity?