

Introduction to Story and Resource Content

**Congratulations on your decision to facilitate a deeper conversation around the gift of life!
Some considerations as you put together your small group discussion –**

STORIES

We have included four different targeted stories; each designed to inspire a unique conversation and new level of awareness and compassion. Depending on the length of your session, you may want to choose just one or two. We also recommend that you start each session with playing the UNTOLD video and offer a chance for the group to comment and reflect- it's a great warm-up activity.

- Veronica – Teen Pregnancy
- Marcy – Adoption
- Stacey – Health of the Mother/Baby
- Katie – Redemption after Abortion

Note: Each story is saved as its own file, separate from the scripture and discussion questions so that you are only printing what you need.

QUESTIONS

The questions were designed to fit a variety of audiences and stretch more broadly into each person's individual faith walk. Said differently, this is intended to be relevant to males and females, teens, adults, grandparents, etc. – and speaks to the beliefs and convictions each of us holds related to the choice of life, forgiveness, prayer, and compassion. Some of the questions intentionally go well beyond the frame of the unborn and challenge the group to share their own experiences and times when their faith has been challenged, etc. Review the questions in advance of your session and determine which ones you would like to use.

RESOURCES

We have provided some linkable resources on the site (e.g.-articles, devotions, prayers, Bible study materials, etc.). These are shared as “starters” and are not intended to be a comprehensive listing or an endorsement of a particular organization*. Also, by design, we did not include statistics, political references, legal issues, etc. The resources on the site are NOT included in this toolkit – feel free to do your own research on what you'd like to use or share depending on the needs of your group.

**As a reminder, Matthew wanted to give this video package as a gift to these unsung heroes who work hard every day to provide a voice to the unborn. There are many incredible organizations doing this great work and our intent is for them to be able to promote and use this gift with their own memberships and donor bases. As such, we made the tough decision to only list one or two that were directly related to the story listed rather than take the chance of missing some in a comprehensive listing.*

We encourage you to share any of the other Matthew West songs that are offered within each story page – the links are on the site for your ease in streaming during a meeting. It is always powerful to share a song and then conduct a quick lightning round with the group asking how it spoke to them. Music creates emotion and is an incredible teaching tool!