



## Church Statement on Roe vs. Wade

Recently, the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade, allowing each state to determine abortion laws. With the legal landscape changing, our mandate to live out a Christ-centered approach to abortion remains critical.

When Jesus was confronted with two conflicting ideas, He pointed out that neither side offered a complete picture and instead gave a third Kingdom answer. (Matthew 22:15-22, John 4:19-24, John 8:2-11, John 9:1-3)

His Kingdom answer to the pro-life/pro-choice debate is that His people are to value the woman and child equally and enter into the complexity and care that requires. As a congregation, we want to focus more on the people impacted by abortion than on political arguments.

We commit to the following theological principles:

- 1. God's design of pregnancy is to intertwine a woman and child. He's made it impossible for us to try and help one while bypassing the other. He calls us to work for the dignity and welfare of both.
- 2. God's path for transformation is always grace for all of us. He calls us to extend the same grace we've received to all impacted by unintended pregnancy and abortion.

We also commit to listening well and seeking to have new conversations about abortion. We recommend this brief e-book as a guide to having a response that will bring healing and hope to our community: <u>https://www.prograce.org/ebook</u>

