




Voice for Life Training

Preparation to present the truth on life issues and represent Christian Voices for Life




Hello



Purpose

- To provide training to
 - confidently present the truth on life topics and
 - effectively engage pro-choice contacts to listen to the pro-life view.
- To equip volunteers to represent CVL at fair booths and tables.
- See « Becoming a Voice for Life Volunteer » on our website.





Voice for Life Training

Part I: **Audiences, Attitudes and Strategies.**

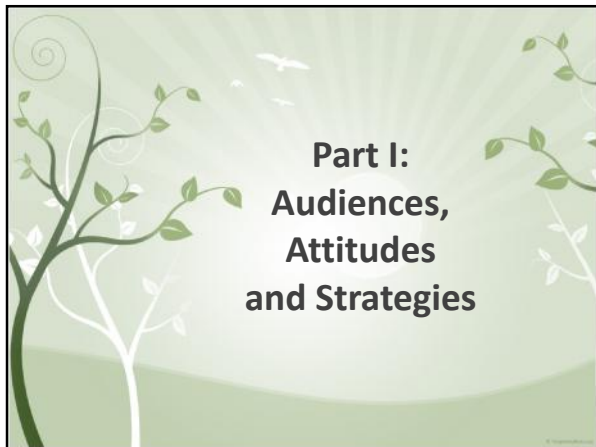
Part II: The Real Issue and Answering Pro-Choice Arguments.



Additional Reading, Videos

« Becoming a Voice for Life Volunteer »

- Abortion- Coerced**
- Abortion Techniques**
- Contraception**
- Fetal Development**
- In Vitro Fertilization,**
- NaPro Technology**
- Post-abortion, Healing**




**Part I:
Audiences,
Attitudes
and Strategies**



Involvement in a Crisis Pregnancy

- Minister rather than debate.
- Refer to:
PRMC: 281-232-2375
fortbendpregnancy.com
Option Line: optionline.org
800-712-HELP




Post-abortion Pain and Help

- So many women are deceived or coerced
- How do they feel now?
- Healing help is available.



Situations for debate

- At a social situation or fair
- You have some time
- Discovering personal involvement



Staffing a table

- Will see pro-life support
- Lots of information on the display for anyone.
- IF someone seems interested, try to engage them in conversation.



Attitude: SHOW LOVE

- To the person you are speaking to
 - LISTEN
 - **Find common ground***
 - Calm and respectful , not judgmental
 - Don't expect instant change

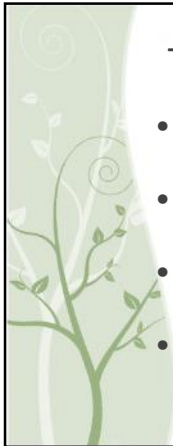
*See *Common Ground without Compromise* by Steve Wagner



Attitude: SHOW LOVE


- To women involved in crisis pregnancies
 - We want to help BOTH mom and baby to get through the pregnancy with a positive outcome.
 - Abortion hurts women.

www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org




To bring up God or not?

- If they do not have a strong faith: no.
- If you know they are a practicing Christian: yes
- You can assume no strong faith, or if led to, ask about their faith.
- Not all Christian churches teach abortion is wrong.



Summary so far:


- If there is a personal involvement with a crisis pregnancy or abortion, that is not a time to discuss abortion, but to minister to the person.
- Abortion discussions may take place in a social situation or at a fair, where you have some time to listen and talk.



Summary so far:


Attitude: **SHOW LOVE**

- To the person you are speaking to - **LISTEN, find common ground**
- To women in crisis pregnancies, post-abortive women



Summary so far:

- Respect for life can be defended without bringing God into the conversation, but you may certainly appeal to the Christian view when speaking to a Christian.




Active Listening

“Nobody cares what you know until they know that you care.”

- Making a conscious effort to hear, not only the words, but the message, the feelings

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen so Kids Will Talk
by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish



Elements of Active Listening

1. Pay attention.
2. Show that you are listening.
3. Provide Feedback / Reflect
“It sounds like you are saying....”
4. Defer Judgment
Don’t interrupt with counter arguments; listen to the end.
5. Ask Good Questions.

Pro-life Apologetics

- Sources:
 - Justice for All www.jfaweb.org/home.html
 - Life Training Institute www.prolifetraining.com,
 - Students for Life <http://college.studentsforlife.org/pro-life-apologetics/>

Pro-life Apologetics

- Books:
 - ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments*
by Randy Alcorn
 - Pro-Life 101: A Step-by-Step Guide to Making Your Case Persuasively*
by Scott Klusendorf
- CD: *The New Conversation: Changing Hearts and Minds on Abortion* Stephanie Gray (Lighthouse Catholic Media.org)

The real question

- Can I kill this, Daddy?
- Is a preborn child a human being? That is, a human person with the right to life?

General Strategies

How did Jesus make His points?

- Ask questions
- Tell stories

General Strategies

Do we use graphic depictions of aborted babies?


- Not on display
- Pictures do display the truth – just like pictures of the holocaust.

8 weeks **Second trimester**



Late term





General Strategies: Summary

- Listen, ask good questions.
- Look for common ground.
- Think about how to get to the real question of the humanity of the child.
- Tell stories, ask questions.
- Graphic pictures are available to use, not required.



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