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Equipping the Church to Offer Compassion, Hope, Help and Discipleship to Women and Men Faced with Pregnancy Decisions

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

WHAT MAKING LIFE DISCIPLES IS

Making Life Disciples (MLD) is a practical, non-political "basic training" to equip a group of first responders in a church or parish to offer compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to women and men facing pregnancy decisions.

WHAT MAKING LIFE DISCIPLES DOES

- · Equips the church to watch for and reach the abortion-vulnerable in their midst.
- Equips the church with sensitivity to and healing resources for the post-abortive.
- Builds bridges that connect pregnancy center clients with local church discipleship.

IMPORTANT FOR THE CHURCH

62% of women who have abortions associate themselves as religiously affiliated, with 30% identifying as Protestant and 24% as Catholic.



This means that **54% of women** having abortions **identify as Christians**. Source: Guttmacher Institute





NEARLY 2 OUT OF 5 WOMEN

Were attending a church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion

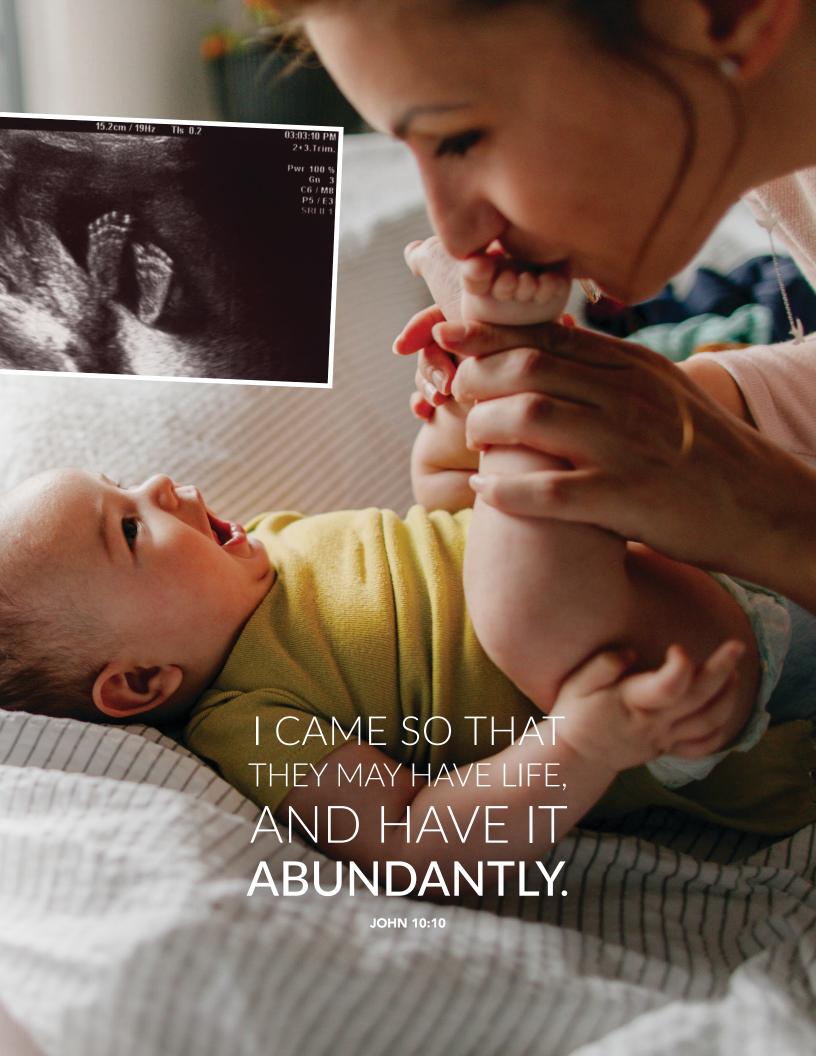
Source: Care Net/Lifeway 2015 National Survey



MORE THAN 5 OUT OF 10 MEN

Were attending a church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion

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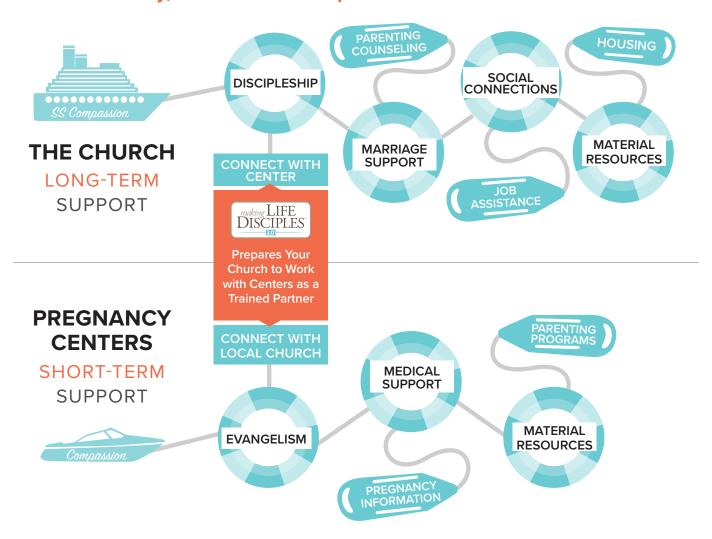


WHY HEALTHY CHURCHES ARE ESSENTIAL

"Long-term discipleship cannot happen in pregnancy center ministry. That's why a connection to a local church is critical. We must invest time, get messy, and work together to figure out how to **build bridges** that are relational and effective. The goal must be to see moms, dads, and unborn children become disciples of Jesus Christ. Again, this is impossible without local churches."

DR. GREG AUSTEN Care Net's Executive Director of Church Outreach & Engagement

We like to say, "life decisions require LIFE SUPPORT."



Making Life Disciples will help your church establish a team to walk alongside women and men facing pregnancy decisions and to build a unified, holistic, kingdom response to abortion. It turns your church into a central point of compassion in your community. Moreover, MLD enables your church to form meaningful partnerships with your local pregnancy centers so that you can create "kingdom connections," forming a network of support for people at risk for abortion.

AN OVERVIEW OF MLD'S 12 ONE-HOUR SESSIONS

1. Welcome

Starting with the Gospel

2. Context

How Did We Get Here?

3. Qualifications

You Can Serve with Compassion

4. Roadmap

Understanding this Mission Field

5. Digging Deeper

The People in this Mission Field

6. Connections

Building Relationship Skills

7. Compassion

"Care-frontation" and Fatigue

8. Abortion

Knowing the Procedures

9. Abortion

Coming to Grips with Hard Realities

10. Tools

Equipping You as a First Responder

11. Realistic Alternatives, Part 1

Parenting and Marriage

12. Realistic Alternatives, Part 2

Adoption, Restoration, and Ongoing Support

EACH SESSION IS BROKEN DOWN INTO 5 SECTIONS



1 GEAR UP

Gear Up With Reading the Introductory Paragraphs



1 FARN

Watch the Session's Video



3 PROCESS

Process the Video and Introduction Through Discussion Questions



4 BE ENCOURAGED

Be Encouraged Through the You're Not Alone Section



5 GO AND GROW

Practical Assignments to Help You Grow and Prepare For Ministry

NEXT STEPS

After completing the 12 sessions, you will have the background you need to offer compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to those facing pregnancy decisions.

The last part of the guide is called *NEXT STEPS!* and will give you and your team the practical steps to prayerfully contextualize your ministry for long-term impact.



3 EASY WAYS TO GET STARTED

- Prayerfully watch the first session of *Making Life Disciples 2.0* at **MakingLifeDisciples.com**
- Consider leading or identifying someone to lead a life team using MLD as your basic training to get started.
- If you already have some kind of "life team" at your church, consider using MLD to enhance your efforts and take you deeper.

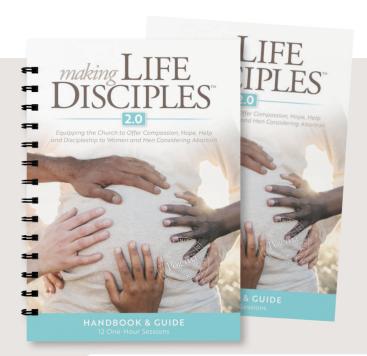
The sanctity of life is a vital and vibrant Christian belief. This amazing curriculum helps ensure new generations of Christians stand for the truth that all humans, including children in their mother's womb, are made in the image of God. Our entire team wholeheartedly endorses MLD 2.0 and we pray that it will land in both the hands and hearts of pastors, parachurch ministries, and faithful local churches for many years to come!

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I would highly recommend *MLD 2.0* as the initial training for any church wanting to create a strategy and ministry to be ready to help men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy. This rebrand is brilliant. Everything is streamlined which eliminates any feelings of being overwhelmed or intimidated. I believe *MLD 2.0* is the missing link to help build better bridges between the pregnancy center and the local church!

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Care Net, a national network of 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers and a growing network of partner churches, created Making Life Disciples to equip your church to provide compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to women and men considering abortion.

