# PassionLife Spring 2022

## **Pastors Leading Well**

Where in the world are pastors leading well on the sensitive, but preeminent moral crisis of child-killing (abortion, infanticide, and gendercide)? What training and testimony transformed them from being intentionally silent to confidently leading God's people to form a death-defying, life-saving, soul-satisfying, God-glorifying response?

We raise these questions because we want you to know where

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and how your investment into PassionLife is helping pastors find their voice and thus raise up thousands of people to stand for life in the neediest places on earth. In addition. the same tools we

are using to help pastors and leaders lead well globally can help any leader you know locally who is eager to lead well. You can be a catalyst for life around the world and in your neighborhood.

After 29 trips to China, and various trips to Vietnam, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Romania, Nigeria and more, I can testify that pastors lead well on abortion wherever and whenever they can 1) listen to people explain why abortion was so tempting before and devastating after, 2) think through what the Bible says and summons as it relates to "the shedding of innocent blood," and 3) return to their church with a clear and winsome call to action.





#### 4 Questions

The most amazing discovery I have made in my 30 years of teaching bioethics and crisis intervention is that pastors, small group or adult class leaders, anyone, can lead well

enough to see lives transformed if they ask the people that they are leading to open their Bibles and ask 4 Questions:

- #1 What does God say about human life, including life in the womb?
- #2 What does God say about the shedding of innocent blood, including abortion?



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#4 What does God call us to do to stop the shedding of innocent blood and how have others done so?

We developed this 4 Questions approach for pastors in China. The house church (often called the "underground" church), needed a brief, clear, freely-sharable, rapidly-reproducing

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approach to teaching the Gospel of Life. The 4 Questions is just that. It takes my 4 books of about 125 pages each on theology, ethics and intervention and reduces them to 10 pages!

Now the leaders in China had 4 Questions that changed lives in 4 specific ways and could be easily reproduced and shared endlessly. For one brief, glorious season of openness, (2014-2016), China's two top Christian leaders asked our PassionLife team to partner with them to raise-up 8.2 million people who would:

TREASURE human life,

**KEJECT** abortion,

PROCLAIM God's forgiveness in Christ, and

**KESCUE** the innocent, one mother at a time as neighbors helping neighbors.

Since then, a new wave of government restrictions, plus the pandemic, has forced us to change strategies but to keep leading. China's pastors especially recognize that prolife

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missions of 150 years ago) is not off-point to the gospel, but the entry point for showing their pregnant neighbors how to trust God to provide.

The same encouraging picture of bold and clear pastoral leadership, leading to thousands of Christians standing for life, is emerging in Vietnam, Cuba, and other countries where child-killing is especially concentrated. When you take up these 4 Questions, you join Christians worldwide in answering the crisis of abortion with the Gospel of Life.

Leading well on abortion and being a catalyst for the prolife movement in a country like China is costly. I have precious

### DID YOU KNOW?

Only 3% of abortion world-wide occurs in the US. 97% of our prolife work is a world-missions challenge. You can't do everything, but you can do a few things!

**INTRODUCE** PassionLife to your pastor with the enclosed 4 Questions Brochure.

**DOWNLOAD** the 4 Questions and use it as a study guide for your small group or Sunday school class. Visit passionlife.org/learn.

GIVE an additional one-time gift or become a dedicated monthly partner.



friends in China who are in prison right now. That is the cost of their faithfulness. Most likely, the cost that God is asking you to bear at this point is financial. But what an impact your generous one-time gift and/or monthly commitment will make!

Preparing pastors, who train up their people, who share with family and friends, makes you a catalyst in our time for a true movement of God in the neediest places.

Thank you!

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