

Dear Pastor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of David Lee and Justice for All. I am one of the lead pastors at the First Baptist Church of San Luis Obispo, CA and have been serving here since 1998. When I first heard about their ministry coming to town I was a little worried that a ministry putting graphic images of abortion up in a public place would do no good for the community or ministry I personally had in the non-Christian world here in San Luis Obispo. Because of my relationship with Steve Wagner, one of the staff at Stand To Reason, I began to trust David Lee (director of Justice for All) but I was not convinced his vision or methodology was useful or even a good idea.

When he came to town with his team I became utterly convinced that David was a man who loved people. I cannot emphasize enough how much this meant to me since all of my experiences with people in activist pro-life circles left me with a horrible taste in my mouth because there was very little love for anyone outside of the womb exemplified in their lives or ministries. Though I now trusted the man, it was not until I went to his training seminar that I came to trust his methods.

I was determined to go to his four hour training and see for myself what this Justice for All group was really about. In sitting through their training I finally discovered the truth of all of the philosophies that had been explained to me from people in their organization. The exhibits they present on college campuses are inflammatory, but not for their own sake. This team poured into the lives of the participants and gave them the tools by which they could love people who stepped forward to talk ... or argue or debate. Their tools were not the tools of the Pharisee, who could bludgeon and manipulate with truth, but the very tools of Christ, who loved people back to life from whatever place of brokenness or sin that they started at.

What I realized during the training was that this is evangelism. It is not a methodology of how to insert the "Four Spiritual Laws" into any conversation. It was an equipping of believers to actively listen and engage in relational conversation that gave dignity and compassion to broken people despite their brokenness.

When David said they were coming to town again, two years after their first visit, I gave them two of our regularly scheduled services. If I believed that the issue of abortion was on God's heart and that their training was effective and anointed to help equip believers to better fulfill the great commission then I had to give them the pulpit to do it. I could not justify giving them some day or night of the week that would provide an easy excuse for our people to not attend. We would put it in the place they were already committed to being and they could choose to simply blow off church entirely if they were that committed to avoiding these truths ... and most did.

Why am I telling you this? I am sure that for you, as it was for me, the ministry that David and his team are offering is a little terrifying. It is not easy or safe ministry. However, if your people engage it they will be given an experience that will affect them for the rest of their lives. David and his team are worthy of every evangelical Christian

pastors trust. If you would like to chat personally with me about my experience with Justice for All, feel free to give me a call at (805) 471-2212. Most locations do not get the benefit of a second round of ministry within two years and I would hate for your church to miss out on the experience the first time they come through.

Your brother in ministry,

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