

Abortion / Euthanasia

- 1) What is abortion?
- 2) What are the common reasons given for allowing abortion?
- 3) How do those who advocate abortion try to justify it from the Bible?
- 4) Why is human life valuable?
- 5) According to the Bible, what is the origin of human life and at what point does that life begin?
- 6) Explain Exodus 21:22
- 7) What is the difference between abortion and infanticide? Medically? Morally?
- 8) Medically, when could a pregnancy actually place a mother's life at risk of death?
- 9) What are the options in an ectopic pregnancy?
- 10) What is euthanasia?
- 11) What are the common arguments given for euthanasia?
- 12) What is the origin of handicaps?
- 13) Do handicaps or "quality of life" issues change the value of human life according to God?
- 14) What are the differences and/or similarities between each of the following:
A) Legal execution. B) Death in War. C) Accidental Homicide. D) Murder. E) Suicide.
F) Euthanasia
- 15) How does God want us to respond to those that: A) Have had an abortion. B) That have lost a child / grandchild due to abortion. C) Advocate Abortion. D) Advocate Euthanasia.
E) Have a severe handicap / have severe suffering or are taking care of someone with either.

Case 1: You are called to the hospital and the family wants to discuss with you whether they should sign a DNR for their comatose relative. What questions should you ask? What godly advice can you give them concerning the DNR? How will you comfort them?

Case 2: A woman calls you distraught from finding out she has an ectopic pregnancy. How will you advise her?

Case 3: In counseling a couple you find out that one of the issues in their marriage is that she had an abortion without his knowledge. How will you help her with her guilt? How will you respond if she does not acknowledge guilt and instead seeks to justify herself? How will you help him with his anger?

Case 4: What involvement should the church have in the ongoing political battles over abortion and euthanasia?