

ABORTION

Topic: Abortion

Description/Defining the Terms:

Abortion is the intentional ending of a pregnancy by chemical or surgical means resulting in the demise of the fetus. A miscarriage is the spontaneous demise of a fetus due to no external intervention.

Discuss and Summarize the Secular Worldview:

Sample Summary: We all have bodily autonomy. Women can do with their body what they want and that includes a fetus in the womb. “My Body, My Choice,” or conversely, “No Uterus, No Opinion.” Humans are not to murder another (born) human being.

Discuss and Summarize the Christian Worldview:

Sample Summary: Humans are made in the image and likeness of God. Humans are not to murder other humans, born or unborn.

Why This is Important:

Abortion is a life or death issue and politically here to stay.

Scripture Says:

Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 2:7, Genesis 2:18-25, Genesis 5:1-2, Genesis 6:17, Genesis 7:15, Genesis 7:22, Genesis 9:5-6, Genesis 25:21-23, Genesis 29:31, Genesis 30:22, Exodus 20:13, Exodus 21:22-25, Exodus 23:7, Leviticus 17:11, Numbers 27:16, Deuteronomy 22:25-27, 1 Samuel 1:5, Job 34:14-15, Psalm 33:6, Psalm 82:3-4, Psalm 127:3-5, Psalm 139:13-16, Psalm 150:6, Proverbs 6:16-17, Proverbs 24:10-12, Isaiah 5:20, Jeremiah 1:5, Ezekiel 37:9-14, Matthew 25:40, Luke 1:7, Luke 1:39-45, Mark 10:13-16, Romans 8:14-17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 John 1:9

Worth Considering:

- After Roe v. Wade was overturned, each state was able to make their own laws about abortion, ranging from outright bans to abortion up to the moment of birth. Perinatal abortion is coming.

- There is a growing anti-child sentiment that says children hinder a woman's career and her ability to enjoy a full life.
- Some say the ability to bear a child is a woman's superpower.
- “Shout your Abortion” is a push to de-stigmatize abortions and treat them as regular health care.
- God of the Bible is the author of life and takes great care when actively knitting us together in our mother's womb.
- John the Baptist was spiritually sensitive in utero. (Luke 1)
- Throughout scripture God would open a womb or close a womb, per His plans. Sarah, Leah, Rachel, Hannah, and Elizabeth all conceived on God's timetable, some past their childbearing years.
- The presence of breath is proof of life. Lack of breath does not prove a lack of life. Life comes through the blood.
- Scientifically, trees and plants are considered to be alive, because they grow and change, but do not have the breath of life.
- At fertilization, the chromosomes of the egg and sperm combine forming a genetically unique individual, made in the image of God.
- Babies formerly considered to be unviable (based on gestation) are now being born and thriving. Many abortions occur past the current estimate of viability, made through medical advances.
- Fathers generally do not have legal standing in the mother's decision to abort, but are required by law to pay child support.
- A mother's emotions, the support from family, and the baby's father greatly impact her decision to abort or give birth.
- Abortions in the 2nd and 3rd trimester occur for generally the same reasons as abortions in the 1st trimester, with the addition of fetal abnormalities (about 20%) as the reason to abort. Abortions are more costly, more risky for the mother, and considered more violent the later the abortion occurs, but no abortion is safe.
- Impregnated rape victims often feel re-traumatized by abortion.
- We are adopted and made God's child when we accept Christ.
- By accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, through repentance we're forgiven our sins, even the sin of abortion. No sin is too big.

Questions to Consider:

- As a Christian, should I have an abortion or encourage someone else to have one? Why or why not? What about hard cases?
- If human beings are made in the image of God, what, if anything, justifies abortion? Perinatal death after birth? Euthanasia?
- Should the fetal stage, development, or “quality of life” matter?
- Has today's discussion made you reconsider any of your views?