

Introduction:

Regardless of where you stand, abortion is one of the most controversial, pivotal, and emotionally charged issues of our day.

- Real People – Real Problems
- Thoughtful Analysis vs. Emotional Reactions

Framing the Issue = 2 Positions... Then and Now:

- The Pro-Abortion (Pro-choice) Position
- The Anti-Abortion (Pro-life) Position

How Technology Transformed the Debate:

The Issue Today: Does the pre-born baby have an inalienable right to live under any circumstances; or does the mother have the right to terminate her pregnancy to care for herself and her family's welfare?

- If a pre-born baby is human life, then ...

- If a pre-born baby negatively impacts the mother's mental or physical health or that of the welfare of her family and future then ...

Examining the Evidence ... Thoughtfully:

1. From Medical Science:

2. From Historical Research:

3. From the Biblical Record:

Premise #1 - all life is sacred. Human life is the most valuable and precious commodity in the world.

- Value by Creation and Design Genesis 1:27

- Value by Protection Afforded Genesis 9:6

- Value by Cost I Corinthians 6:20, Mark 10:45

Premise #2 - Scripture affords the same sacred value on the “fetus”/pre-born baby as it does all other human life.

- Value by Design Psalm 139:13-16

- Value by Protection Afforded Exodus 21:22-25

- Value by Cost Psalm 51:5

4. **Warnings from Personal Experience:**

- The Pro-Abortion Camp

- The Pro-Life Camp

Application - Responding to abortion today:

- Finding _____ and _____. Psalm 86:5-7, 1 John 1:9

- Taking _____. Proverbs 24:11-12

- Establishing _____. Romans 13:1-7

- Acting In _____. Ephesians 4:15-18

Discussion Questions:

1. As far as you can remember, when was the first time you heard the word “abortion?” Share the time in your life this occurred and how your understanding of this issue has developed.
2. Abortion is an emotional issue; what aspect of this whole debate has been the most “emotionally disturbing” to you?
3. In your opinion, which biblical passage most strongly supports the protection of a pre-born baby?
4. How would you “lovingly” articulate your convictions concerning abortion if asked by someone who genuinely wanted to know? What would you say? How would you support your position?
5. What specific steps of action would God have you take? Brainstorm as a group and come up with spiritual, legal, practical, and creative means that you as a “Christian Citizen” can do to make a difference. Now choose one or two of the proposed solutions and act on them this week.

Resources:

All Creatures Great and Small: Abortion and the Meaning of Persons by Kenneth Boa

The Dark Underside of Abortion by Sue Bohlin