

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:

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

Isolating the “Core Issue” in this Debate:

The Issue = Is the “fetus” human life (fully human, but not fully developed), or is the “fetus” a mass of tissue, a mere appendage of the mother’s body?

- **If it is human life, then. . .**

- **If it is a mass of tissue, then. . .**

Examining the Evidence ... Thoughtfully:

- **The Testimony from Medical Science**

- **The Testimony from Historical Research**

- **The Testimony 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” 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

- **The Testimony from Personal Experience**

Application - Responding to Abortion in 2010:

- **Finding** _____. 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 that the fetus is an unborn, but fully human, being?
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?

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.