

Abortion:

Abortion is wrong but please keep in mind that some of the people in your audience may have had an abortion. What you say can destroy their hope or give them hope. You need to assure them that even though abortion is wrong, it is not a “larger” sin; that is it is not any worse than lying, stealing, or anger. God sees all sin the same. All sin needs to be repented of before God. I John 1:9 shows that God will forgive all our sin. Make sure that you don’t have a judgemental attitude toward those who have had abortions. Those who have had abortions have sinned just as any person sins. Remember that all of us are sinners and we have to “take the beam out of our own eyes” before we can help someone else with their sins. Be compassionate and gentle and give them the hope of forgiveness by God for the sins they have committed. Make sure they know you are available to help them with the pain that abortion brings and give them Biblical hope.
John 8:3-11

What does God say about the unborn:

Ex 20:12 Thou shalt not kill

Ps 139:13-16 God knows each person that is conceived and what they will be like even before they are born. God has a plan for how that child will be physically (even if they are deformed).

Jer 1:5 God has a plan for the life of that child and how God wants that child to serve Him.

Gen 1:27 The most important reason abortion is wrong is that it destroys a child made in the image of God. Abortion destroys the image of God. That is another reason murder is wrong because it destroys a person made in the image of God.

It does not matter how life started. Life is from God and God has a plan for each child’s life no matter if they were conceived in sin or not or are unwanted or not.

When does life start?

Some say that life starts at fertilization. Fertilization is when the cell from the man meets the cell from the woman. From the union of those cells comes a human being. In those two cells is all the information needed for the child to be what God has planned him or her to be.

Implantation occurs about a week or two after fertilization. The fertilized egg becomes implanted into the woman and there continues growing.

Other people argue that life begins at implantation when the mothers body supports the life of that child.

It is my opinion that life begins at fertilization when the two cells that are the child join. Good men differ on this point but it makes a difference because some birth control stops implantation (IUD, some contraceptives, the “day after pill”)

What is abortion? Abortion is the forceable removal of the baby from the womb by unnatural causes.

When is it done? It can be done at anytime in the pregnancy.

Problems with abortion:

Infection: terrible infection can occur from the actual abortion or from pieces of the baby left inside the woman. This can lead to death.

Hemorrhage: profuse bleeding that can lead to death

Guilt: when the girl realizes that she destroyed her baby

Affects marriage: she has the guilt of knowing she was not pure at marriage and also that she destroyed her baby. (again emphasize the forgiveness of God)

Scarring: there is scarring inside the woman that can prevent future pregnancy

Death.

Developmental stages:

First Trimester: Heart starts beating at 30 days, and finger buds and toe buds are developing. They have eye sockets though the eyes are not yet developed, they are developing a brain and brain stem. Blood flows through the body from the placenta and some from the heart.

At 10 weeks, when most abortions are performed, all fingers and toes are developed. The head and body are developed. It looks like an adult but lacks growth. The baby moves even though it can't be felt by the mother. It can feel pain.

Second Trimester: the baby changes in size and movement is felt by the mother, a baby born at 5 months can be born alive and live though it may have problems in the future, The baby can suck its thumb. The lungs are developing more. Gender can be discovered by a scan.

Third Trimester: the baby grows the most and is born. Most babies born in the 6th month can live but again it is difficult for the baby to live. My nephew was born at 7.5 months. The lungs come to maturation just before birth so the baby can breath on its own. When the cord is cut, the heart starts pushing all blood to the body.

Myth: It is blood clot, it is not a human being until it is born,

Myth: It is a woman's body and she has the right to do what she wants.

Myth: Life does not start until birth

Myth: It is ok to abort a child that will be born with a birth defect.

Myth: It is ok to abort a child that is conceived because of rape.

Go over again what God says about the unborn.

Make yourself available for questions. Remember this problem is for both girls and boys. Sometimes the boys push the girls to abort. They also may have guilt from their child having been aborted.