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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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The Ethnics on Abortion

Bible Study Handout: Disproving Arguments for Abortion with Biblical Truth

Introduction:

Abortion is a highly debated topic in society, and many arguments are presented in its favor. As believers, we must turn to Scripture to discern the truth and refute these arguments with biblical principles. This study will explore common pro-abortion arguments and how they are contradicted by God's Word.

1. Argument: "A Fetus is Not a Human Life"

Biblical Response:

Genesis 1:27 - "*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*"

- Every human being, from conception, bears God's image and has inherent worth.

Psalm 139:13-16 - "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb... Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

- God acknowledges and has a plan for life even before birth.

Discussion Questions:

- What do these passages reveal about life before birth?
- How should these truths shape our perspective on the humanity of the unborn?

2. Argument: "Women Have the Right to Choose"

Biblical Response:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

- Our bodies belong to God, and we are called to honor Him with our choices.

Deuteronomy 30:19 - "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."

- God instructs us to choose life, aligning with His will and purpose.

Discussion Questions:

- How does the concept of our bodies belonging to God impact our view on bodily autonomy?
 - How can we encourage others to choose life rather than abortion?
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3. Argument: "Abortion is Necessary in Cases of Hardship"

Biblical Response:

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

- God can bring good even from difficult situations.

Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

- God's provision and strength are available to those facing challenging circumstances.

Discussion Questions:

- How can we support and provide for women facing crisis pregnancies?

- What are some ways the church can step in to assist those in difficult situations?

A common argument against the Christian stance on abortion is “What about cases of **rape and/or incest**?” As emotionally difficult as it would be to face a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, is the murder of a baby the solution? Two wrongs do not make a right. Intentionally killing the unborn child is not the answer. Also, keep in mind that having an abortion is itself a traumatic experience. It seems nonsensical to add an additional trauma to the woman. Too, abortion can be a means of rapists covering up their crimes. For example, if a minor is molested and becomes pregnant and then is taken to have an abortion, the molestation could continue without penalty. Abortion will never erase the pain of rape or incest, but it very well may add to it.

A child who is conceived through rape or incest is made in the image of God the same as any other human. That child’s life should be protected just as much as the life of any other human being. The circumstances of conception never determine the worth of a person or that person’s future. The baby in this situation is completely innocent and should not be punished for the evil act of his or her father. Depending on the situation, the mother might choose to raise the child. If she does not already have a community of support, she can turn to many organizations and local churches prepared to walk alongside her. Or she might place the child for adoption. There are many families, some unable to have children on their own, who stand ready to receive and love a child from any background.

It’s also important to keep in mind that abortions due to rape or incest account for a **very small percentage of total abortions: only 1 percent of abortions can be traced to cases of rape or incest** (Torres and Forrest, cited by Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health and the Alan Guttmacher Institute in *An Overview of Abortion in the United States*, October 2001, www.abortionfacts.com/facts/8#cite-1, accessed 9/9/21).

Another argument often used against the Christian stance on abortion is “*What about when the life of the mother is at risk?*” Honestly, this is the most difficult question to answer on the issue of abortion. First, let’s remember that such a situation is exceedingly rare. Dr. Landrum Shettles, a pioneer in the field of in vitro fertilization, wrote, “Less than 1 percent of all abortions are performed to save the mother’s life” (Landrum Shettles and David Rorvik, *Rites of Life*, Zondervan Publishing House, 1983, p. 129). Dr. Irving Cushner, Professor of Obstetrics at the UCLA School of Medicine, when testifying before the U. S. Senate, was asked how

often abortions are necessary to save the life of the mother or to preserve her physical health. His response: "In this country, about 1 percent" (testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution of the United States on October 14, 1981, quoted in *The Village Voice*, July 16, 1985).

Other medical professionals go further, stating that abortion is *never* necessary to save the mother's life. Over 1,000 OB-GYNs and maternal healthcare experts signed a statement in 2012, saying, in part, "As experienced practitioners and researchers in obstetrics and gynaecology, we affirm that direct abortion—the purposeful destruction of the unborn child—is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman" (Dublin Declaration on Maternal Health, www.dublinderclaration.com, accessed 9/9/21). Further, in 2019, "medical leaders representing more than 30,000 doctors said intentionally killing a late-term unborn baby in an abortion is never necessary to save a mother's life" (www.lifenews.com/2019/03/05/30000-doctors-say-abortion-is-never-medically-necessary-to-save-a-mothers-life, accessed 9/9/21).

4. Argument: "God is Forgiving, So Abortion is Not a Big Deal"

Biblical Response:

Romans 6:1-2 - "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

- God's grace is not a license to sin, but a call to righteousness.

1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

- While God forgives, true repentance involves turning away from sin.

Discussion Questions:

- How do we balance God's grace with accountability for our actions?
- How can we guide those who seek forgiveness and healing after abortion?

5. A Call to Defend Life

Proverbs 31:8-9 - "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute."

Excerpts from: Christian Ethics. An Introduction to Biblical Moral Reasoning by Wayne Grudem. 2018

Excerpts from: GotQuestions.org

- Christians are called to advocate for the unborn.

Micah 6:8 - "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

- Justice and mercy must guide our actions in addressing abortion.

Ways to Get Involved:

- Support pregnancy resource centers.
 - Educate others on the biblical perspective of life.
 - Offer compassion and resources to women in crisis.
 - Pray for protection of the unborn and wisdom for those facing tough choices.
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Conclusion & Prayer:

As believers, we are called to defend the sanctity of life while extending love and grace to those affected by abortion. May we be bold in truth, compassionate in love, and faithful in action.

Prayer Focus:

- For wisdom and courage to defend life.
 - For healing and restoration for those who have experienced abortion.
 - For God's justice and mercy to be upheld in society.
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Final Thought:

How can you personally take action to stand for life in your community?