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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 Euthanasia

Bible Study Handout: The Biblical Perspective on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Introduction:

Euthanasia is simply the act of intentionally, ending the life of a person who is elderly, terminally ill, or suffering from some incurable injury or disease.

This issue often comes to focus in the case of terminally-ill patients who are experiencing chronic pain and therefore no longer want to live and may even wish to be put to death. It also is a question in the case of people who have lost much or most of their mental capacities because of a coma or severe dementia, or patients who appear to have no reasonable human hope of recovery from a severe injury or illness. What is the morally right thing to do in such cases?

Euthanasia and assisted suicide are complex ethical issues that challenge our understanding of life, suffering, and death. As Christians, we must seek guidance from God's Word to form a biblical perspective on these matters. This study explores key scriptures and principles to help believers navigate this difficult topic.

I. The Sanctity of Life

1. **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."
 - Human life is sacred because we are made in God's image.
 - Taking life is not within our authority.
2. **Exodus 20:13** – "You shall not murder."
 - This commandment affirms that intentional killing is against God's will.

3. **Psalm 139:13-16** – God is sovereign over life and death.
 - Life is purposefully designed by God, and He ordains our days.

Read 2 Samuel 1:1-16: The Death of Saul - Discuss

II. Suffering and God's Sovereignty

1. **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** – "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
 - Suffering can have a purpose in God's plan.
 - We are called to trust in God's grace through trials.
 2. **Romans 8:18** – "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."
 - Suffering is temporary and part of a fallen world.
 - Eternal hope outweighs earthly pain.
 3. **Job 1:21** – "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."
 - God is the giver and taker of life, not humanity.
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III. Compassion and End-of-Life Care

1. **Matthew 25:35-40** – Jesus calls us to care for the sick and suffering.
 - We should offer comfort, not seek to end life prematurely.
 2. **Galatians 6:2** – "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."
 - Supporting those who suffer is a biblical mandate.
 3. **Proverbs 31:8-9** – "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves..."
 - Advocating for life and dignity is part of Christian responsibility.
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IV. The Role of Faith in End-of-Life Decisions

1. **Philippians 1:21** – "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
 - Life and death belong to Christ.
 - Death is not to be feared but entrusted to God's timing.
2. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-2** – "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die."

- God has set the appointed times for life and death.
3. **Hebrews 9:27** – "Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment."
- Life and its conclusion are under God's authority.
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Conclusion:

The Bible consistently affirms the sanctity of life and calls believers to trust in God's sovereignty over birth, suffering, and death. While compassion is central to Christian ethics, ending life prematurely through euthanasia or assisted suicide contradicts biblical teachings. Instead, we are called to support, love, and uphold the dignity of those who suffer, trusting in God's ultimate plan for life and eternity.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding that we are created in God's image shape our view on euthanasia?
2. What role should suffering play in the Christian life?
3. How can we provide biblical and compassionate support to those facing end-of-life struggles?
4. What steps can we take to advocate for life and dignity in a culture that accepts euthanasia?

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for those making difficult medical decisions.
- Ask God to comfort those suffering from terminal illness.
- Seek God's guidance in being a compassionate advocate for life.