

# When Love Disagrees: Abortion & Physician-Assisted Death

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# **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

# **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

#### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

**Take some time to look up and read**: Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 43:4-7

1. What do these verses say about the value and worth of people?

Take some time to look up and read: Psalm 139:13-14, Jeremiah 1:4-5, Luke 1:39-44

2. What do these verses say about pre-born children?

**Take some time to look up and read**: Genesis 9:6, Psalm 139:16

3. What do these verses say about life and death decisions?

# Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. What does it look like to truly love someone that we disagree with?
  - We submit to God's truth ourselves (John 14:15)
  - We share God's truth with others (Ephesians 4:15)
  - We love our "enemies" (Luke 6:27-28)
  - We bring God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness (Matthew 9:13)
  - We provide tangible and practical support (James 2:15-16)
  - We defend the defenseless (Proverbs 31:8)
  - We trust God for the outcome (Isaiah 26:3)
  - 5. What responses from the list above are the most important to you when responding to the issue of abortion? To the issue of doctor-assisted suicide?
  - 6. What responses from the list above do Christians struggle with the most when calibrating truth and love?

# Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\*

A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the NIV Life Application Study Bible (Zondervan, 1984)