

Assisted Suicide

and the hope we have in Christ

Key Definitions: *Assisted suicide* is taking one's own life voluntarily and intentionally with the aid of another. *Euthanasia* is the practice of intentionally ending the life of another person to stop their suffering. The term "euthanasia" is derived from two Greek words—*eu* meaning "well" or "good," and *thanatos* meaning "death." *Medical Assistance in Dying* (MAiD) is Canada's terminology for state-regulated euthanasia.

1. What program in Germany predated the Holocaust by more than two years? _____
2. We learn from this that _____ have consequences and bad ideas act as a wedge.
3. What place has the highest per capita rate of assisted suicide in the world? _____
4. What are the four ideas given that make euthanasia morally accepted or morally righteous?
 - i. _____ (i.e., state is neutral)
 - ii. _____ (i.e., the ends justify the means)
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
5. What are the four biblical reasons given that make euthanasia morally evil?
 - i. Sanctity of _____ made in the image of God.
 - ii. God is in _____ of life and death.
 - iii. God has _____ and _____ in suffering.
 - iv. Death is the _____, not a friend.
6. Rather than death being the end of suffering, it is the way to _____ for those not following Jesus.
7. The hope of the Christian is not death, but resurrection. (Yes/No)
8. Hope is a powerful motivator. Who gives you hope? _____

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Why do you think assisted suicide is so attractive to those suffering today? How does Christ make all the difference when contemplating death?
2. How do you think education has played a role in changing the moral compass of our nation? What can be done to address this for the current and subsequent generations?
3. Read Psalm 88. Notice how the psalmist is suffering and close to death. What do you notice about his response that is different than the narrative oft heard today?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

