

Questions from *Abortion, Then and Now* and *Counter Culture*, Chapters 3 & 6

**From *Abortion, Then and Now***

- i. What were your thoughts about this article? What surprised you?
- ii. How did this article enhance your understanding of abortion?
- iii. Read the quote at the end of the article beginning with “The centerpiece...” how can you pray about the issue of abortion in light of this quote?

**From *Counter Culture* – Chapter 3**

- iv. **As much as you’re willing**, share your thoughts about this chapter. How did it challenge or encourage you?
- v. As you read this chapter, were there areas of repentance in regards to abortion?
- vi. On page 61, David Platt says, regarding women who have had an abortion, “that their deepest comfort has come not in minimizing the severity of abortion before God but in magnifying the reality of grace from God.”
  - 1. Unfortunately, the church has not always done a great job of being open to hear from women who have had an abortion or men who have encouraged it. The result has been that many men and women do not receive the deep comfort of God’s grace of which Platt speaks. How have you seen the Church fail at this? How have you seen the Church excel in magnifying the reality of grace in the area of abortion?
- vii. On page 65, Platt makes the point that the key question we must ask is “What is contained in the womb?” If what is in the womb is a human, then everything else changes. How does this definition and the subsequent perspective he paint challenge you and your own view of pro-life vs. pro-choice?

- viii. On pages 74-75, Platt makes the point that God forgives entirely, heels deeply and restores completely. What are the areas in your heart that needs to be forgiven, heeled and restored in the area of abortion?
  
- ix. David Platt gives some great applications on page 78. If you have time, pray that:
  - 1. God would end the injustice of abortion in our country and around the world.
  - 2. God would forgive you for whatever part you have played in abortion.
  - 3. God would convict those in positions of power to use their influence to end abortion

**From *Counter Cultural* – Chapter 6:**

- x. How did this chapter encourage, challenge or inform your understanding of marriage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- xi. On top of page 137, Platt begins to dive into the first two chapters of Genesis as they explain God's purpose in creating marriage. He makes the point that men and women were created with "equal dignity" and that "both share in inexpressible worth of creatures formed in the image of God himself." He goes on to say that although we were created with equal worth, we were not created "identically."
  - 1. How were men and women created equal? How were we created differently (to complement one another)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- xii. On pages 140-143, Platt explains the Biblical ways we were created to complement one another in marriage. How is this counter to our culture? How does his explanation challenge or encourage your view of marriage?
  - 1. From pages 156-157, what are two or three first steps to counter culture that you feel God is calling you to take?