

## An Introduction to Bioethics

What is Bioethics? Bioethics is the \_\_\_\_\_ of ethical, social, and legal issues that \_\_\_\_\_ in biomedicine and biomedical research.

What is Christian Bioethics? Christian Bioethics is a \_\_\_\_\_ of study that seeks to help in addressing the hard \_\_\_\_\_ and hard choices around the meaning of human life, sexuality, \_\_\_\_\_, illness, and death within the context of medicine and healthcare.

The question of technology is “Can we?” While the question of bioethics is “\_\_\_\_\_ we?”

What is meant by “The Seventh Kingdom?”

In biology, there are six kingdoms of life: **Plants, Animals, Protists, Fungi, Archaeobacteria, Eubacteria.**

\_\_\_\_\_ imposes itself as a type of “seventh kingdom”

## Activity

Which case did you have?

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Where do you stand?

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What are some of the broader implications of this bioethical issue?

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## Bioethical Issues

### Human Life

Genesis 1:26-27

Luke 1:41-44

Psalms 139:13-16

Any medical or technological innovation that seeks to undermine the \_\_\_\_\_ of human life is to be rejected as inconsistent with the inherent worth and dignity of \_\_\_\_\_ image bearers.

### Sexuality

Genesis 1:27

Leviticus 18:22

Genesis 2:24

Romans 1:26-27

(Genesis 19:1-13, Leviticus 20:13, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 1 Timothy 1:10)

Any measure of technology or medical advancement that seeks to undermine God's design in man and woman, in heterosexual \_\_\_\_\_, in procreation as a result of heterosexual union, is to be rejected as \_\_\_\_\_ to human flourishing, even if it makes some humans happy.

### Suffering & Illness

Genesis 3:17-19

1 Timothy 5:23

2 Corinthians 12:9

(Literally the whole book of Job)

Any technological or medical advancement that seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ suffering must be carefully considered in light of human dignity and biblical \_\_\_\_\_. Prayerfully consider whether certain treatment methods are God-honoring and seek wise counsel who will search the \_\_\_\_\_ with you!

### Death

John 14:1-6

(Genesis 3, 1 Corinthians 15:26)

Any development of technology or medicine that promises to alleviate death is \_\_\_\_\_ to take the place of \_\_\_\_\_ and is, on that basis, to be rejected.