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Should We Focus on Abortion More or Less?

In October we traveled to Colorado and visited two schools, Ellerslie Mission Society and Colorado Christian University. Since these were both Christian schools, we decided to ask a new question on one of our poll tables: "Should Christians focus on abortion more or less?"

We actually didn't know what the response would be to this poll. We figured it could go either way. To our surprise, at both schools the vast majority said we should focus on abortion MORE. I was very happy to see that result, and I hope that it is representative of the younger generation of Christians.

On this page and on the reverse, I share some of these students' responses to this question.

MORE. Why is it that people don't want to think about abortion and just pretend it isn't happening?

MORE. At least where I come from, the Christians seem to ignore the issue. "Abortion" isn't the main issue, it's the value of life. But any time when thousands of humans are being killed, it's time for Christians to recognize it and try to do something—to gain God's heart for the situation. Especially when those being killed are entirely helpless and voiceless.

MORE. I believe that Christians should focus on the issue of abortion more. It's such a huge issue, and many people who claim to be pro-life tend to turn a blind eye to the murder of innocents, simply because they are too scared to bring up the topic or it makes them uncomfortable. We need to learn how to civilly discuss the topic and not just argue pointlessly with people who are pro-choice. There are thousands of lost women in the world who think that their only option is to abort their child. We need to show them otherwise. Sometimes the right choice is often the tough choice, but that doesn't make it any less right.

At Colorado Christian University in October we had conversations with both pro-choice and pro-life students. Since we're used to schools where the majority is pro-choice, it was refreshing to be in an academic environment where the vast majority of students is pro-life.

MORE. Because we are to speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves and because life is God's heart (John 10:10) and so it must be our heart also. I love what you're doing! Equipping Christians to know how to lead conversations toward abortion with love and grace and wisdom, not with the way I've heard many Christians "focus" on abortion—argumentatively and lacking the relational aspects in order to prove a point, not having a genuine conversation. So yes, we should focus on abortion more, but it should be in way that uses the tools you've given us today.

MORE. I think the killing of thousands of innocent babies is a huge issue. As well as the hurt and brokenness it creates in the parents. There is so much pain and evil in abortion and Jesus is so needed. If we can bring awareness about it and care for the people we're talking to, we could not only save the lives of innocent babies, but we would have great opportunities to share the ultimate Life: Jesus.