## Session 4: Encounter with Dr. Zeke Diversity, Abortion-Advocate:

His thesis: The pro-life position fails the test of reason in five key areas:

- A. Intuitions
- B. Science
- C. Philosophy
- D. Theology
- E. Sociology (the common "good")
- I. Pro-life fails the intuitions test:
- A. Burning fertility clinic test-who to save?
- B. The lethal force (gun) test
- C. The "whole" life test
- D. The real-world test (What if your daughter was raped?)
- E. The consistency test (You oppose abortion but support war/capital punishment)
- F. The legal realities test (Are you willing to prosecute women who abort?)
- G. The perspectives test (A woman's perspective carries greater weight than a man's)
- II. Pro-life fails the scientific (empirical) test:
- A. Twinning test & miscarriage tests
- B. Cellular test (sperm and egg are alive) & continuous process test
- C. Grieving test
- III. Pro-life fails the philosophic test:
- A. Human being/personhood test
- B. Desires, sentience, consciousness, and self-awareness over time tests
- C. Viability test
- D. Bodily rights test
- IV. Pro-life fails the theological test:
- A. Silence of scripture test & Exodus 23 test
- B. Imago Dei test (as noted by biblical scholar Paul D. Simmons)
- C. Religious tolerance test
- V. Pro-life fails the common good (sociological) test:
- A. Abortion rights woven into fabric of society, harmful to reverse
- B. Abortion reduces crime and child abuse

Summary: Taken together, these critiques present a powerful cumulative case against pro-life.

