

## **Homework: Discussion Questions Concerning Capital Punishment**

- o "Is capital punishment cruel and unusual punishment in and of itself?"*
- o "Are not the takers of life (executioners) just as bad as the criminal himself?"*
- o "Should a man's life be taken when there are not two witnesses?" "What constitutes a witness?"*
- o "Should a Christian ever sit on a jury to determine the fate of one accused of murder? What about the punishment deserved - since we are not witnesses or directly involved?"*
- o "What is a Christian's proper response to one who murders a close loved one?"*
- o "What about the murderer that is severely mentally incompetent or ill?"*
- o "Is temporary insanity a justified defense in a murder trial?"*
- o "Should race ever be a consideration in considering the death penalty?"*
- o "Is it cruel and unusual punishment to keep a prisoner on death row for 10-15 years while appeals are pursued - with the outcome that the prisoner is executed?"*
- o "What about the murderer that was not in control of themselves and on drugs or alcohol?"*
- o "What about someone who murders while purposefully drugged by someone else?"*
- o "How can you be absolutely sure you are not executing an innocent man?"*
- o "What about one who murders in a fit of rage or emotion?"*
- o "At what age should a murderer be tried as an adult and face the death penalty? 18? 16? 12? 8?"*
- o "If we apply the Bible to justify capital punishment, why not apply it to the other crimes deserving death?" (How consistent should we be?)*
- o "Can a Christian, in clear conscience, participate in an execution?"*