

Core Seminars – Christian Roles
Marriage: Infertility
Week 9

What if we can't have children?

1) Biblical Principles

Childbirth through the Bible

- 2 ways people dealt with infertility

A) Life begins at conception

- Psalm 139:13-14

B) Heterosexual monogamous marriage is the only relationship ordained by Scripture for the creation of children

- Genesis 2:24
- Malachi 2:15

2) Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs)

Reasons why infertility may occur

3 common treatments

4 Implications

A) Any fertility treatments should preserve the parent-child relationship

B) Fertility treatments that involve the destruction of embryos must not be pursued

C) Any fertility treatments must not involve the freezing of an embryo

D) Any fertility treatments must seek to preserve life

3) Adoption

Parallels with our salvation

- Ephesians 1:5
- Hebrews 2:11
- Romans 8:16-17

Issues to consider:

- Motivation: What is not a good reason for considering adoption?
- Biological tie: Can you love a child who is not biologically related to you?

4) Final Considerations

Book Recommendations:

- Megan Best, [Fearfully and Wonderfully Made](#)
- Russell Moore, [Adopted for Life](#)