

□ **Case 2. Suicide and Euthanasia. The principle of double effect. 45 min (30 min small group + 15 min summary)**

1. Is killing a human being ever justifiable?
 - *Self defense, capital punishment, war, etc.*
2. Why do we generally think it is right to prevent someone from committing suicide?
 - *If so, on what grounds?*
 - *If not, why not?*
3. Why do we generally think it is right to save someone's life after a suicide attempt?
 - *Person is not of sound mind.*
4. Is there ever a rational justification for suicide?
 - *In what cases? Pilot, war, good of others, martyrdom?*
 - *Should we respect a person's autonomy?*
5. Is euthanasia ever justified?
 - *Extreme cruelty?*
 - *What is active euthanasia?*
 - *What is passive euthanasia?*
 - *Is there a moral difference?*
6. Should it be legal?
7. What is the principle of double effect?
 - *Alleviation of pain vs. death.*
 - *Are double effect actions indirect euthanasia?*
 - *Is there a difference between relieving physical suffering versus relieving mental suffering?*
8. Does the cost of health care have any effect on the issue of euthanasia?

❑ **Case 3. Homosexuality and Homophobia. 45 min (30 min small group + 15 min summary)**

- ❑ What is the purpose of sex?
 - ❑ Procreation?
 - ❑ Pleasure?
 - ❑ Affection?
- ❑ Is sexual activity without the possibility of procreation morally acceptable?
 - ❑ *Sex after menopause?*
- ❑ Do we have any control over our sexual orientation?
 - ❑ *Who are we attracted to? Who do we fantasize about?*
- ❑ Are homosexual acts different than homosexual orientation?
- ❑ Should homosexuals refrain from sexual activity?
 - ❑ *Must they live a celibate life?*
- ❑ Do homosexuals have a right to cohabitate?
 - ❑ *Monogamous?*
- ❑ Do homosexuals have a right to marry?
- ❑ Should homosexuals be able to express their sexuality in public?
 - ❑ Holding hands, kissing, etc.
- ❑ Should homosexuals be allowed to be scout leaders, camp counselors, etc.?
- ❑ Should homosexuals be treated any differently than heterosexuals?