**Adoption**

Is there someone you know who has adopted someone? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Or who is adopted? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How can your experiences with or opinions about adoption affect your presentation of adoption in the counseling room? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the legal definition of adoption?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the 3 types of legal adoption?

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why is adoption a loving option? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important to know details about adoption?

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a. Name some biblical people who were adopted? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. List a scripture reference about adoption? (see pg 3.83)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. It protects the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the child

3. Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for both the birth mother and the adoptive parents.

Dan’s story:

1. How old was Dan when he located his birth mother? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What type of adoption had his birth mother chosen? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tasha’s testimony:

1. Tasha stated “Every choice in an unplanned pregnancy includes losses”: What were some of the losses that Tasha mentioned?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What type of adoption did Tasha and her boyfriend choose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A Volunteer Counselor’s Story:

1. What were some reasons she hesitated encouraging a client to consider adoption? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. She had a renewed appreciation for adoption. She learned that while the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of adoption has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it also has lasting \_\_\_\_\_. Despite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, everyone can \_\_\_\_\_!

What are some barriers that prevent clients from Considering Adoption? (Refer to page 3.85 for “Responses to Adoption Objections”)

1. Fear

a. Falling in \_\_\_\_\_\_ with her child.

b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. Causing her child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

d. How others will perceive her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Shame

a . Not feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enough to be a mother

b. Being pregnant and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Perceived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you discuss adoption in the counseling room?

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your client

2. Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language (negative words versus positive alternatives)

3. Know about additional adoption \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion