

CaPiTAL PuNiSHMeNt

Before your meeting prepare **two index cards** per participant. Each participant should receive one card that says "I AGREE" and one card that says "I DIS-AGREE."

Distribute the response cards and ask group members to hold up a card in response to the following statements. Add other statements of your own:

- Death is a fitting punishment for murder.
- Capital punishment is another form of murder.
- Death is a fitting punishment for rape.
- Killing someone, even a criminal, is never appropriate.
- Death is appropriate for child molesters.
- I could personally throw the switch for an execution.
- There are cases in which capital punishment is appropriate.

Ask group members to discuss their reactions to any of the statements. Ask:

- When is the taking of life wrong? right?
- How do you think God feels about capital punishment?
- In what ways do God's generosity and capital punishment relate?