

**Student Handout D**

**Topic: AIDS Prevention in South Africa**

Guiding Questions

**AIDS in South Africa (July 7, 2000)**

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week345/cover.html>

This transcript details the struggle between condom advocates and abstinence advocates.

1. The program gives some terrible statistics about HIV/AIDS infection in South Africa. What are they?
2. HIV/AIDS infection in South Africa is transmitted primarily through heterosexual contact. What causes the high rate of infection among heterosexuals?
3. Why has the church been reluctant to speak out about HIV/AIDS infection?
4. Bishop Dowling says "the Church can make exceptions for condom use in cases where one spouse in a marriage is HIV positive, but the Church remains staunchly opposed to condoms in public health messages to young people." Comment on his position.

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