

QUESTIONING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

“People are worth more than the worst act of their life...” -- Sr. Helen Prejean

Session One: Crossing the Breach

Describe some of the “conflicts in the human heart” that the death penalty causes us to struggle with.

What criteria has come to be used in determining if the death penalty is warranted?

Recall some of the statistics that show the racism inherent in the practice of the death penalty in the United States. Describe what Sr. Helen refers to as “regional disparity.”

What are some of the details of Karla Faye Tucker’s case that stand out in your mind?

According to Sr. Helen, what are some of the inconsistencies between the words and actions of government officials?

