

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

What's a "rule" you had growing up that made no sense to you at the time but now you get it?

PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

HELPFUL BACKGROUND

Mosaic Law

Exodus 21-23 is part of the Mosaic Law given after Israel's deliverance from Egypt. These laws were not a path to salvation but instructions for how redeemed people live with a holy God.

Ebed (Servant/Slave)

The Hebrew word ebed often translated "slave" doesn't match modern definitions. It referred to a person who attached themselves to a household for economic survival, not racially-based or lifelong slavery.

Law as Mirror, Guardian, and Shadow

The Law reveals God's holiness (mirror), restrains sin (guardian), and points forward to Christ (shadow). It was never meant to save, but to show our need for a Savior.

KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 21:1-12.

1. Why does this passage and other parts of Exodus 21-23 sound so foreign to us?
2. How should we read verses from this passage? What approach should we take?
3. What were these laws for? Why were they given to Israel?
4. What do these laws reveal about God's character, especially His justice, mercy, and desire for human flourishing?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What role does the Law play in our lives as Christians? How has Jesus changed our relationship with the Law.

How does the Law show us who God is, for example His justice, holiness, and compassion?

How has God's law been a mirror in your life? What has it shown you?

Which of the four relationships with the Law (rejecting, mastering, being crushed by, or weaponizing) do you most relate to?

How does your relationship with Christ heal those wrong relationships?

How do you practice discerning the rules you live by?

How can you cultivate greater sensitivity to the Spirit's conviction through reading Scripture? Share strategies.

Are there personal "rules" (convictions) Jesus is calling you to adopt?

ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

GET INVOLVED!

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