

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

If you could start a non-profit to help one group of people, who would you choose to help and why?

PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

HELPFUL BACKGROUND

The Foreigner (Sojourner)

In ancient Israel, foreigners had no land, inheritance, or legal protection. God commanded Israel to treat them justly, remembering their own history as foreigners in Egypt (v.21).

The Fatherless and the Widow

These groups were especially vulnerable in Israelite society. With no male provider or protector, they often lacked financial support and legal defense. God's law made special provision for them as a reflection of His justice and mercy (v.22).

The Link Between Empathy and Obedience

God reminds Israel, "You were foreigners in Egypt," calling them to compassionate action rooted in personal experience (v.21). This reflects a biblical pattern: our experience of grace leads us to extend grace to others.

KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 22:21-27.

1. What types of people are specifically mentioned in this passage as needing protection?
2. What are the different ways God instructs Israel not to harm these vulnerable people?
3. How is God's emotional response described in verse 24?
4. Why do you think God includes a reminder of Israel's past in verse 21?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What does this passage teach you about God's direction for us in helping others?

What does this teach you about the kind of community God desires for His people?

How does God's concern for the vulnerable influence your view of what Christian obedience looks like?

Where is your heart most easily hardened when it comes to caring for the vulnerable? Talk through these as a group. Is it...

- The threat to your resources?
- Feeling like they don't deserve it?
- Not wanting to be labeled?
- Too busy to notice?

What ways does Jesus provide for our security, healing the insecurities that keep us from helping?

Share personal experiences or personal opportunities you have to help those who need it.

Share an "I've been there" place in your life that God uses to aim your compassion toward others?

ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?
How are you feeding your flesh?
How are you feeding others?

GET INVOLVED!

God gives each of us a gift to build his church! Join one of our ministry teams or mission partners! Email Jodi@trinitybible.org for more info and next steps.