

- 1) Warm up: If you were king/queen for a day, what's one new law you would implement? And what is one law you would change or erase?
- 2) Read Exodus 21:1-27; 22:1-6; 23:1-13. What stands out to you from these scriptures or from the weekend teaching?
- 3) Which of these laws makes you uncomfortable? And why?
- 4) But as we think about it more, and in light of our weekend teaching (s), what are some potential answers to these objectionable laws and practices? What are some things we should keep in mind? What is God up to here?
- 5) As Christians, we are no longer "under" the law (Rom 6:14), because Jesus fulfilled the law for us. But, Paul still says all scripture, including the law, is God-breathed, and useful for teaching and training us (2 Tim 3:16). In light of this, what do you think God is teaching us about himself through these laws?
- 6) Read Psalm 113:4-9. One huge theme in this Exodus section is social responsibility, particularly towards the poor, powerless, and broken in today's society. In today's individualistic, American culture, how does this challenge you? How might God want you to be more aware of the needs around you?
- 7) Read James 1:26-27. James says "pure religion" is to speak with self-control, to stay unpolluted from the world, and to take care of widows and orphans. Which of these is the hardest for you? How can you grow in these three areas?
- 8) Read Gal 2:15-21. Can following the law save us? What does Paul say is necessary for "justification" (being made right with God)?
- 9) Read Matthew 22:37-40 and 1 John 3:23. How does love (and trust) of God and love for others fulfill the law?