

Justice for the Oppressed (Exodus 21-23)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- Reading through Exodus 21 through 23, identify who is in need of protection based on what is written here. How does the law offer protection?
- What role does God play in support of the weak? (22:23, 24, 27)
- What is revealed about the heart of God in the above passages?
- Does mankind, in their sin, have a disposition towards the weak? What is that disposition? How will you behave towards the weak if they are walking in the way of God?
- If you were a slave without value, a refugee, poor or injured and you read these passages of the law, what picture of God would you see? Where would you feel your value comes from?
- When we have influence within our community, we often fail to see its purpose and instead ask questions like:
 - ◊ How do I maintain influence?
 - ◊ How do I strengthen my influence?
 - ◊ How do I benefit from my influence?
 - ◊ What responsibility do you feel these laws expect if we have influence?
- The Sabbath and Festivals are two ways that God encourages His people to experience rest. How do you experience Sabbath? What festivals do you hold dear and why?
- What is your relationship to rest? Do you feel you don't deserve it or need to earn it? Why?
- In verse 12 of chapter 23 certain recipients of rest are called out. Each of them are being given dignity by God in this recognition. Does this dignity extend to all mankind? God as creator is establishing the need for rest within His creation. What are ways that you can give rest to others you have influence over?

EXODUS

REDEEMED. RESCUED. RESTORED.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- When do you feel most rested?
- What happens when others rely on you to tell the truth and you lie?
- Is there any difference between an Old Testament sojourner and a modern day refugee? What principles should we apply towards those in need from this passage?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Rich & Karen Brown, Ethnos360 Asia Pacific
- Jim Spranger, Elder
- Ross Martin, Director of Worship & Creative Arts
- Global Missions Teams
- Fox Valley Bible Chapel, Little Chute
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10(ESV)