

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon: The Book of the Covenant

Date: 9-3-17

- Exodus 21 begins a long section of the Bible (comprising several different books) Christians struggle to find relevant. Have you ever tried passages like this before? Was it difficult? What, if anything, helped you?
- Adam mentioned the pattern of Law – Principle – Christ – Principle – Application. Can your group re-explain this idea in your own words? How could this impact your devotional reading of the Old Testament?
- What's an example of a law that's been abolished in Christ? (Leader's Note: any of the sacrificial / ceremonial laws) What's an example of a law that's still directly applicable to Christians? Why is it? (Leader's Note: the laws about sexuality or care for the oppressed both appeal to God's character and creation and are upheld if not intensified by the New Testament)
- Take resting on the Sabbath. Is that still an imperative for Christians? (Leader's Note: There is not a consensus on this issue among evangelical Christians. (cf. Rom 14:4) You can help the discussion here by stating the goal is not to convince others but to understand why others see it differently. It may be helpful to ask, "Is there a sense in which the Sabbath has been completed? Is there a sense in which it is still ongoing?")
- The gospel encompasses the best of both ends of the political-social spectrum even as it radically critiques both. Regardless of your political leaning, discuss "the good, the bad, and the ugly" of *both* conservative and liberal in our country. What is in line with the gospel? What is contrary?
- What are some concrete ways you can help the poor? What can your group do together to serve and support those who have been downcast?
- Pray for God to call your group to serve those outside yourselves. Praise Him for His "sequence of obedience," that obedience follows and is a response to grace He's already given.