

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
EXODUS 21-23 – The life of love - ii

NOTE: Please move through questions 1-3 briefly – it is most important that you keep about half of your discussion time for working through Question 4.

1. The laws cover many areas of life. Read the following passages and write down the areas of life that are covered (you may like to divide the passages between the group members – you don't need to spend too long on this or cover ALL the passages). The first one is done as an example.

21:2-11	Human rights (slaves, daughters)
21:12-15	
21:18-25	
22:7-15	
22:16-17	
22:19	
22:29-30	
23:6-9	
23:10-12	

2. In various places a basis or motivation is given for a law. What sort of basis is given in the following passages?

20:8-11	
20:12	
21:8	
22:21	
23:8	

3. Our views on Old Testament Law are significantly formed by what we read in the New Testament. However, often we don't get these passages in proper balance. Read the following passages and write down what is said about Old Testament Law in the New Testament:

NT Passage	The law is...
Matt 5:17-20	
Rom 5:20-21	
Rom 7:1-12	
Gal 3:19-26	
2 Tim 3:15-17	

4. When you read the Old Testament legal material, ask the following questions of it:
 - What does this law tell us about God and relationship with him?
 - What does it tell us about how to relate to other people?
 - Does the life, death and ministry of Jesus change what the OT law taught? How?
 - What are the implications of this for us as Christians in our situation? Think of some practical examples in your own life.

Take a small section of law (pick from Exodus 21:33-36; 22:25-27; 23:4-5) and work through each of the questions just mentioned.

(This study is adapted from the Exodus study book 'The Shadow of Glory: Exodus 19-40' written by Andrew Reid. Available from www.gotherefor.com.au)