

June 14, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Laws on How to Treat the Sojourner and the Poor” – Exodus 22:21-27

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. What specific group of persons were Israelites not allowed to wrong or oppress (v. 21a)?
2. What reason does God give for why the Israelites were not allowed to do this (v. 21b)?
3. What other two groups were Israelites not to mistreat (v. 22)?
4. What were these three groups to do if they were mistreated (v. 23a)?
5. What would happen if the Israelites mistreated these groups (vv. 23-24)?
6. How were Israelites to help the poor (v. 25)?
7. When the Israelites did this, what were they not to do (v. 25b)?
8. What was an Israelite who took a poor man's cloak as a pledge to do every evening (v. 26)?
9. Why was the Israelite to do this for the poor man (v. 27a)?
10. What could happen if the poor person was not treated well (v. 27b)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. Why do you think these laws in Exodus 22:21-27 are important?
12. Should a pastor or elder in the church address social issues?
13. What two mistakes do many people often make when they try to apply the Bible to the current issue of immigration?
14. What does the first mistake of Biblical application state about the civil magistrate?
15. What are the three different Hebrew words for the “foreigner” and what do they mean?
16. What specific problems do the four groups mentioned in this passage face in contemporary American society?
17. What suggestions do you have about how a church might show kindness and compassion to someone who fits into one or more of the four groups of people mentioned in Exodus 22:21-27?
18. When was Israel like a foreigner to God?
19. How is the Gospel pictured in Exodus 22:21-27?
20. **Bonus Questions for 20 points:** What phrases in Ephesians 2:10-22 specifically indicate that those in the Mosaic Covenant were united to Christ? How does this confirm that the Mosaic Covenant was not in substance a Covenant of Works?