

August 9, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“God’s Law Demands Truth and Justice” – Exodus 23:1-9

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

1. What were God’s people prohibited from spreading (v. 1a)?
2. When engaging in a trial, what side of an issue was an Israelite forbidden to join (vv. 1a-2)?
3. To whom was an Israelite not to show partiality in a lawsuit (v. 3)?
4. What were God’s people to do if they encountered a lost animal belonging to a person they did not like (v. 4)?
5. If one of God’s people was disliked by another whose animal stumbled under a heavy load, what was the disliked Israelite to do (v. 5)?
6. What was not allowed to be done to a poor person in a lawsuit (v. 6)?
7. Whom will God not acquit (i.e. release from guilt or punishment) (v. 7)?
8. What was an Israelite never to do when his testimony or action was needed for a just decision (v. 8)?
9. What is a bribe?
10. Whom were the sons of Israel prohibited from oppressing and harassing? Why? (v.9)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. Are you guilty of circulating a false report about someone or something if you are unaware that the matter is false?
12. Is it ever wrong to spread a true report (see WLC Q. 145)?
13. How should we respond when it seems that there is no recourse to receiving justice in a particular situation?
14. What commandment does spreading a false report violate?
15. Have you ever been tempted to fudge the truth in a legal or professional setting? What kept you from concealing or twisting the truth?
16. Why is truth-telling so important?
17. Why should you show kindness and neighborliness to someone who does not like you?
18. How can you keep from internalizing personal insults and opposition from those who hate the LORD and oppose His people?
19. With whom is our real conflict in life?
20. Is there someone in your orbit of experience to whom you find it hard to be civil because you know they do not care for you? How do you handle this? How often do you pray for this person(s)?
21. How do truth and justice show the Gospel?
22. What condition were we in when God reconciled us by the death of His Son (see Romans 5:1-11)?