

**Discussion Questions**  
**Exodus 20-24 – The Book of The Covenant**

**The Law Was Given To Reveal The Character Of God And To Set Israel Apart For God.**

*“The Law is an expression of the Covenant and always secondary to it. Israel does not keep the law in order to become God’s people, but because they already are God’s people... The law was the basis of the community life of Israel. As a reflection of the character of God it was to shape community life into a vehicle of God’s presence in the world.” ( Dyrness, Themes in Old Testament Theology)*

**The Book of the Covenant contains Policies and Procedures. The policy is expressed in the Ten Commandments and the Procedures are given in the rest of the book of the Covenant. Answer the following questions for each Division of the Law given below. Use additional paper if necessary.**

**I. Treatment of Slaves (Indentured Servants) Ex 21:1-12**

- a. What are the main ideas in the section?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. How do they apply one of the basic Ten Commandments to specific situations?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. How do they express love and freedom for God’s people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way these laws apply to God’s people today.

**II. Personal Injury Ex 21:12-36**

- a. What are the main ideas in the section?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. How do they apply one of the basic Ten Commandments to specific situations?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. How do they express love and freedom for God’s people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way these laws apply to God’s people today.

**III. Personal Property Ex 22:1-15**

- a. What are the main ideas in the section?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. How do they apply one of the basic Ten Commandments to specific situations?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. How do they express love and freedom for God’s people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way these laws apply to God’s people today.

**IV. Sexual & Civic Morality Ex 22:16-31**

- a. What are the main ideas in the section?
- b. How do they apply one of the basic Ten Commandments to specific situations?
- c. How do they express love and freedom for God's people?
- d. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way these laws apply to God's people today.

**V. Justice & Mercy Ex 23:1-9V.**

- a. What are the main ideas in the section?
- b. How do they apply one of the basic Ten Commandments to specific situations?
- c. How do they express love and freedom for God's people?
- d. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way these laws apply to God's people today.

**VI. Sabbath & Festivals Ex 23:10-19**

- a. What are the main ideas in the section?
- b. How do they apply one of the basic Ten Commandments to specific situations?
- c. How do they express love and freedom for God's people?
- d. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way these laws apply to God's people today.

**VII. Read Exodus 24.**

- a. How was the Covenant Confirmed by Moses and the People?
- b. What is the significance of the people having the Blood of the Covenant thrown on them?
- c. Think about how Christ and the Gospel changes the way this applies to God's people today.