



REFLECTION GUIDE

Week of October 18, 2015

A Just People

EXODUS:

Preparing a People

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This week, Corey Widmer continues our series on Exodus by examining God's plan for us to live as a Just Community.

READ

Exodus 22:21 – 23:9

REFLECT

1. Corey reminded us of the last two sermons and how we can see God's saving the Israelites from slavery and providing them the Ten Commandments were really steps toward God freeing the people up to model a different kind of society and life. How does this purpose apply not only to the Israelites but to your own life?
2. What does the term, "right relationships," mean to you? Can you point out "right relationships" in your life? What about relationships that you may need to improve on?
3. Corey talked about our calling to "seek the common good for all." What are the personal obstacles in your life keeping you from the common good? Do you become divisive over theological, political, or cultural differences? Do you become preoccupied by your own responsibilities at your job, for your family, or even for your own self-improvement? What would your life look like if you were able to let go of these divisions and focus on the common good of others?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how we forsake working for justice in favor of our own familial responsibilities, selfish desires, lack of time, or cultural dividers. Ask God to give our whole community a better understanding of the purpose for which God freed us.
- + Thank God for His salvation and grace.
- + Pray that God would imprint these truths upon our lives and remind us that "to be converted to God means to be converted to neighbor."

PRACTICE

- + How can you fight against the "spiritual/secular" divide? When you look back at your week, what delineates the two sections and how can you work to change your perspective as you approach the week to come? How do you need to calibrate yourself that your work, interaction with neighbors, all the seemingly secular details of your life begin to fit into your spiritual category?
- + How can you intentionally care about those who are most vulnerable in our society? Take one tangible step toward orienting your life toward support of whom Corey called the "quartet of the vulnerable:" widows, orphans, immigrants, and the poor.