

Cuyahoga Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 4.7.24 Exodus 21-23 // Kyle Gustafson

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip <u>Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup</u> on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

Read Exodus 23:19: What is the strangest rule you had in your household growing up?

# EXPLORE (30 MIN)

#### Create Context (5 min):

Watch the weekly sermon recap video HERE.

#### Study & Discussion (25 min)

Kyle said during his sermon that God wants us to be different than the world around us!

- Reword God's purpose for the Israelite nation to a non-believer according to Exodus 19:6
- How is God calling New Testament believers to the same purpose in 1 Peter 2:9?

Read Exodus 22:21-24

- Why might God need to remind Israelite of their recent captivity in Egypt in the midst of providing them with new laws to abide by?
- What affect does remembering who were before Christ affect the way that we respond to God's instruction in our lives?

In each of the Ten commandments we noted that Jesus points us to the heart of the commandment. In the same way, he reflects the values of the Father in the way that he values human life, cares for the poor, and protects the vulnerable.

- Read Matthew 12:9-14: How does Jesus' action reflect God's value for human life?
  What does it look like for you/your LifeGroup to live this value out today?
- Read Mark 12:13-17 and 12:41-44: What's the difference between heart of the people asking Jesus about paying taxes and the women giving her last two mites in the temple?
- Read Luke 14:12-24: How does Jesus teach us to protect the vulnerable?
  In what ways can you live out this value in your life?



Read Ephesians 4:31-32. This text calls for kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Discuss how these New Testament values are reflected in the Old Testament laws regarding interpersonal relationships and justice.

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<u>The Bible & Slavery // Andrew Judd</u>

## **APPLY** (30 MIN)

- How is God calling us to prioritize the things that He cares about both individually and as a LifeGroup?
  - Take a look at ways to get involved by visiting <u>www.cvconline.org/serve-and-send/</u>

## **PRAY** (15 MIN)

- Read Micah 6:6-8. Use this passage together to pray for discernment and courage to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Ask for opportunities to demonstrate His compassion in your community and beyond.
- Visit <u>www.cvconline.org/serve-and-send/</u> and pray for our local and global partners and missionaries.



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**EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Week of 4.7.24

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

# CVCYOUTH

## High School Hangout: April 14, 2024

CVCYouth will be hosting their monthly high school hangout event at Whirlyball. This is a great opportunity to invite new friends and enjoy a fun night together. No registration is required.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

### Men's Breakfast: May 11, 2024

You are invited to join come enjoy a cup of coffee and a free breakfast with men of all ages at our Broadview Heights campus on Saturday, May 11th. Feel free to invite a friend to join. You can register for the breakfast <u>HERE</u>

# CVC YOUNG ADULTS

### Hocking Hills Spring Retreat: May 31-June 2, 2024

All young adults are invited to enjoy a weekend away at Hocking Hills where they'll dive deeper into studying the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and have fun doing some outdoor activities. Early bird registration is now open. Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up.

# SAVE-THE-DATES

CVCYouth Frontlines Summer Camp: June 23-28, 2024





