

**Sermon: Restoring the Image of God.**  
**Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.**

**Scripture: Exodus 21:1-22:15.**  
**Date: March 19, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) What, if anything, in this passage bothers you about God or his law?
- b) Read Deut. 32:4. God is a god of justice. Where does God's justice stand out to you from this passage? (Justice = striving for equality in society, lifting up the oppressed)

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) How do these laws reveal the sinfulness of man? How do they reveal the dignity within man?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Read Exodus 21:5-6 again. A scenario is described where a slave chooses freely to live with their master forever because they love their master. How is this a picture of Jesus? Of our salvation?
- b) How is the gospel (the law of Christ) even more just and merciful than these laws? Can you think of specific examples?

**APPLICATION**

- a) In what ways do you seek to practice justice in your everyday life? At work? In the home?
- b) Have you given any thought to modern day slavery? What might you do to seek justice?

**FIGHTER VERSES: Romans 13:8-10.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his justice.
- Confess ways that you have failed to uphold the image of God.
- Thank Jesus for loving you, becoming your servant, and never leaving you.
- Ask God to help you to live from the law of Christ.