

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

### The Law of the Lord: Part 2

EXODUS 20:12-26

#### OVERVIEW

God's chosen people are in Egypt. Not only that, they are enslaved. Against the backdrop of God's promises in Genesis—that God's people would be in God's place—the current situation seems dire. Has the Lord forgotten his promises? The story of Exodus reveals God's faithfulness in redeeming his people from bondage into his presence. The way out? Not by human might. By faith in God's promise to deliver through a blood sacrifice. The Lord does all of this so that all people might know he is the Lord and his people might rightly fear him, worshipping him in all things. The Greek title for the book (or shall we say, this chapter of the Pentateuch) is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit, departure or going out."

#### APPLY // 20:1-21

**Main Idea:** The Lord has saved his people and commands him to obey him that it may go well with them.

1. Read Exodus 20:1-20.
2. How does the first command speak into the last six, "neighbor love" commands?
3. Which command do you find most difficult to live out? Why? How does the gospel compel you toward obedience? How can we help each other?
4. Explain how the Gospel both embodies and empowers these commands? For what end? How can we continually remember that following the Lord's command are the path to true life, now and forever?

#### PRAY

See prayer guide.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How is your obedient love for Jesus?