

## Servants and Injuries - Exodus 21:1-36

**Topics:** Arguments, Conflict, Consequences, Justice, Law, Restitution

### Open It

1. What is the most unjust law you can think of?
- \* 2. Why is restitution important when someone is killed or injured?
3. In your opinion what are the pros and cons of people's suing one another?

### Explore It

4. What did God tell Moses to set before the people of Israel? (21:1)
5. What happened to male slaves after six years? (21:2)
6. If a slave had a family, what kind of options did he have? (21:3-6)
7. What were the laws for handling female slaves? (21:7-8)
8. What were the laws regarding female slaves' marital rights? (21:9-11)
9. If one man killed another, what was the consequence? (21:12)
- \* 10. What happened if someone was accidentally killed? (21:13)
11. Where was a murderer to be put to death? (21:14)
12. What was the consequence of attacking parents? (21:15)
13. What was the penalty for kidnapping? (21:16)
14. What happened if a person cursed his or her father or mother? (21:17)
- \* 15. How were injuries from fistfights supposed to be handled? (21:18-19)
16. What happened if a slave was beaten? (21:20-21)
17. If a pregnant woman was seriously injured, what were the consequences? (21:22-25)
18. What happened when slaves got an injured eye or tooth? (21:26-27)
19. How were bull goings supposed to be handled? (21:28-32)
- \* 20. If an ox or donkey fell into a pit, how was the owner compensated? (21:33-34)
21. How did the law say to handle bull fights? (21:35-36)

### Get It

22. What about conflict made these laws necessary?
- \* 23. Why did God give so many specific laws regarding restitution?
- \* 24. Why is God interested in conflicts being handled fairly?
25. What are the similarities between God's laws and civil laws?
26. What are the differences between God's laws and civil laws?
27. In what cases might we be justified in suing a person?
28. Why does God deal with murder and injuries with such harsh penalties?
29. How does God feel about the way we treat our parents?
30. What do these verses tell you about God's commitment to justice?

### Apply It

31. What is a practical way you can honor your parents this week?
32. What do you want to remember the next time you have the opportunity to judge or help settle a conflict?
- \* 33. With whom do you need to make amends, and what can you say or do to carry this out?