

May 23 | The Immigrant
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Outline

1. 80 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations.
2. The Gibeonites learned that God had a soft spot for immigrants and the oppressed.
3. If God stuck to his covenant with false immigrants, how much more is he committed to helping true immigrants?
4. Our fear of generosity comes from a scarcity mindset, but God promises to be generous to those who are generous.

Going Deeper: Use the following questions to journal your answers during personal study or discuss them with your small group, family or friends.

1. What do you know about the current refugee crisis?
2. Do you tend to seek out information about the crisis or avoid the topic? Why?
3. Consider these verses regarding immigrants:
 - a. Deuteronomy 10:18,19
 - b. Leviticus 19:34 - why does it matter that they were immigrants once?
 - c. Leviticus 25:23 - what is the significance of this verse as it relates to receiving refugees?
 - d. Deuteronomy 14:28,29 - a Levite is a priest. What surprises you about this verse?
 - e. Deuteronomy 27:29 - what does the immigrant have in common with a widow and orphan?
Why does God protect them equally?
 - f. Malachi 3:5 - What strikes you about this verse?
4. Imagine being separated from your home, job and country...left to rely on the kindness of others. What would that be like? Now think of the scales of justice. How important would it be to know that there were people actively seeking to balance the scales for your sake?
5. What is a scarcity mindset versus an abundance mindset? Do you struggle with a scarcity mindset? If so, how?
6. How might the following verses help give you the confidence to be generous?
 - a. Isaiah 1:17-19
 - b. Isaiah 58:6-14
 - c. Matthew 6:25-34
 - d. Philippians 4:18-20