

## Small Group Guide: Getting to Know God

### Torah Portion: Mishpatim (Judgments) - Exodus 21-24

#### Discussion Questions

1. The message states that God's commandments help us "see the world the way God sees it." What does this mean to you practically? Can you give an example from Scripture?
2. Read Exodus 21:18-19. How does this specific judgment reveal something about God's character? What does it show about how He values people and relationships?
3. The pastor mentioned that "there is nothing hidden" in God's expectations. How does this transparency affect your relationship with God? Does it bring comfort or create pressure?
4. Peter calls us "a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9). What does it mean to be a priest in your workplace, neighborhood, or family? Share one practical way you can "bring God to people" this week.
5. The message emphasizes that salvation is not just about "waiting to go to heaven." How does viewing yourself as actively serving God change your daily priorities?
6. Read Exodus 23:1-3. How do these ancient warnings about false reports and following crowds apply to our social media age? Have you ever been tempted to "convict someone in the court of social media"?

7. The Torah's laws applied equally to rich and poor. Where do you see inequality or favoritism in our world today? How can believers model God's impartial justice?

8. Discuss the concept of restorative justice versus punitive justice. How might our churches and communities look different if we emphasized restoration over punishment?

9. In Jeremiah 34, the people made a covenant to free their servants, then broke it. The pastor said this "reveals a deeper heart issue of not caring about the rest." What heart issues might our disobedience reveal?

10. The message states: "When we refuse to learn and apply [God's commandments] to our lives, we are really saying, 'God, I don't care about You.'" Is this statement too harsh, or does it accurately reflect the seriousness of our choices? Explain your reasoning.

11. Read Proverbs 25:26. What does it look like for a righteous person to "yield before the wicked"? How can we stand firm without being judgmental or harsh?

12. The pastor introduced a challenging concept: that Yeshua had to redeem Israel from exile before anyone could be grafted in. What questions does this raise for you? How does this deepen (or complicate) your understanding of salvation? Read Jeremiah 33:24-26.