



# Calvary Oro Valley

## Wed. Night Discipleship Group Study

*Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

### **Exodus Study #23**

#### **Exodus 21:1-36**

##### **1. Verses 1-11**

- a. What limits and protections does God place on servitude, and how might this differ from other nations at the time? What does it reveal about His view of human dignity?
- b. Why regulate servitude instead of abolishing it immediately? What does this teach about how God works within broken systems?
- c. How should the principle of human dignity shape the way we treat those under our authority (employees, children, coworkers, etc.)?

##### **2. Verses 12-17**

- a. What distinction does God make between intentional murder and accidental killing? Why does intent matter in justice?
- b. What do these verses teach us about the value and sanctity of life?
- c. Why is striking or cursing parents treated so seriously? What does that reveal about God's design for authority and the family?

##### **3. Verses 18-36**

- a. What principle is being protected in "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (vv. 23-25)? How does this limit revenge rather than promote it?
- b. Why does God require restitution and compensation in cases of injury and negligence instead of only punishment?
- c. What principle of responsibility and negligence is seen in the laws about the ox? Where do we struggle today, and how can believers model something different?

## Helpful Bible Study Resources:

- **Pastor David Guzik** – Visit [www.enduringword.com](http://www.enduringword.com) and click on “Commentary” at the top of the page for verse-by-verse insights.
- **Blue Letter Bible** – Go to [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org) to read or listen to various commentaries (like Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee), explore multiple Bible translations, and use Strong’s Concordance for original Hebrew and Greek word meanings.
- **Pastor Jon Courson** – Access his teachings at [www.joncourson.com](http://www.joncourson.com). On the left-hand side, click “Topical and Expository Teachings Sorted by Bible Book” to find his verse-by-verse commentary.
- **Bible Hub** – Visit [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com) to explore classic commentaries from well-known Bible teachers. Just enter your scripture passage in the search bar at the top.
- **Crosswalk** – Another valuable site for Bible study and commentaries: [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com).

## How to Study God’s Word Effectively:

Remember the simple yet powerful approach we’ve learned:

1. Soak in the Passage
  - Read the passage multiple times. Each time, pray and ask God to speak to you—inviting His Spirit to give you insight, clarity, and understanding.
2. Follow the O.I.A. Method:
  - **Observation** – Write down everything you notice in the text, even the simplest details. Don’t overlook the obvious—just note what you see.
  - **Interpretation** – What do those observations mean? Seek to understand the message and context of what you’ve written down.
  - **Application** – Based on what you’ve read and understood, how does this truth apply to your life? What is God calling you to believe, change, or do?