

HOUSE2HOUSE QUESTIONS

Week of Sunday, October 18, 2026 | Deuteronomy 19

Get to Know Me

1. Have you ever had the opportunity to sit on a jury?

Into the Bible

Read Deuteronomy 19:1-10

2. As Israel prepared to take possession of the land, God instructed them to establish Cities of Refuge throughout their territories. What do we learn about how these cities were established and made accessible, and what does this reveal about God's desire for justice and mercy among His people?
3. In what way might these Cities of Refuge serve as a foreshadowing of Christ?

Read Deuteronomy 19:11-13

4. God's command to establish Cities of Refuge reveals His desire that the innocent be protected, but these verses reveal His equal desire that the guilty be punished. Look at verse 13 from this passage as well at the following scriptures and discuss why God is as interested in justice as He is in mercy.
 - a. Genesis 9:5-6
 - b. Matthew 25:41-46

Read Deuteronomy 19:14

5. When Israel entered the land, each tribe and family was allotted a portion of land. God addressed the temptation to take more by encroaching on a neighbor's property. What do this passage and the following verses teach us about being content with what God has provided rather than coveting what belongs to others?
 - a. Psalm 23:1
 - b. 1 Timothy 6:6-10
 - c. Hebrews 13:5

Read Deuteronomy 19:15-21

6. God established a system of justice that protected the innocent while holding the guilty accountable. By requiring more than one witness to establish guilt, He guarded against false accusations. What do the following verses teach us about how we should respond to accusations against others?
 - a. Proverbs 18:13
 - b. Proverbs 18:17
 - c. 1 Timothy 5:19
7. Verse 20 teaches that seeing the consequences of sin can serve as a warning to others. While we shouldn't rejoice in someone else's downfall, how can we learn from the consequences of others' sinful choices and avoid making similar mistakes ourselves?
8. The commandments in this chapter established a system of justice for Israel that protected the innocent and held the guilty accountable. These laws governed the nation's justice system, rather than how individuals should respond to personal offenses. With this distinction in mind, how can we reconcile these commandments with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:38–39 about turning the other cheek rather than retaliating against those who wrong us?

Application

9. What is the difference between how a society's justice system deals with an offender and how a Christian is supposed to treat someone who causes offense? Does one overrule the other, or do they work alongside one another?

Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to raise up servants for the upcoming Harvest Festival and Trunk-or-Treat.
- Ministry Highlight: Ushers Team.