



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 22, 2026

Exodus 21

Things That Matter to God

Opening Questions

1. What was your initial reaction to studying civil laws from the Old Testament? Did this sermon change how you view these passages?
2. The Pastor stated, "If you know what matters to God, then you know how to live your life." How does this principle help us approach difficult biblical passages?

Life and Dignity

1. How does understanding that every person bears the **imago dei** (image of God) change the way you interact with people who are different from you—socially, economically, or politically?
2. How does the biblical view of the sanctity of life inform your perspective on current cultural issues like abortion, euthanasia, or care for the disabled and elderly?
3. The Pastor mentioned that understanding how much our lives matter to God makes the gospel "that much more astounding." How does reflecting on God's view of life deepen your appreciation for Christ's sacrifice?
4. For those with aging or difficult parents, how can we honor the fifth commandment while also maintaining healthy boundaries?

Motives of the Heart

1. Why does God care about the "why" behind our actions, not just the actions themselves? How is this different from how the world typically judges behavior?
2. In what areas of your life might you be doing the "right things" but with wrong motives? How can we cultivate pure hearts alongside right actions?

Application

1. Of the seven points that Pastor Clint mentioned matter to God (dignity, life, motive, people, respect, the vulnerable, and justice), which one most challenged or convicted you? Why?

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2. What is one specific action you can take this week to align your life more closely with what matters to God?