

**Deuteronomy 21:10-22:12 (February 19, 2021)**

**Reflection:** *What does your faith have to do with the relationships in your family?*

**Read Deuteronomy 21:10-23 – Brides of War and Handling of Children**

1. What are Moses' instructions about war brides? (v.10-14) the inheritance of children among different wives? (v.15-17) Rebellious children? (v.18-21) A person hung on the tree? (v.22-23)

2. Moses writes several laws in the Pentateuch to address the potential abuse of women in martial situations including what is said in v.10-14. Why is this significant to a covenant community? (cf. Gen 1:26, Deu 11:13-22)

3. Why do you think there is such a punishment for incorrigible sons (cf. Gen 17:9-14, Deu 5:16), How should children conduct themselves in their families in the New Covenant? (cf. Eph 6:1-4)

4. V.22-23, "A man hanged on a tree is cursed" is referred to in Galatians 3:13. How does this passage relate to Christ's sacrifice? (Cf. 2 Cor 5:21)

5. How should husbands, wives, and children relate to one another because of Christ? (cf. Col 3:18-21) How should adults relate to their aging parents? (1 Tim 5:8, 16) Why should we relate to one another this way?

**Read Deuteronomy 22:1-12 – Domestic Issues**

6. Summarize the 9 circumstances (v.1-3, 4,5,6-7,8, 9, 10, 11, 12) and include how Moses expects the Israelites to act in these different domestic situations.

7. “Love your neighbour as yourself” is an important concept for God’s people in both New and Old Testament. What are some general principles we can draw from these passages about how one should love their neighbour? (v.1-3, 4, 6-7, 8) Name some practical ways these principles might lead us to love our neighbours?

8. What do these passages tell us about the blurring of boundaries that God has created? (v. 5, 9-11) (cf. Lev 19:19), How does 2 Cor 6:14-15 apply this command for us today?

9. The wearing of tassels was to be a constant reminder of God’s commands to the Israelites (cf. Num 15:38-40). What are some ways we can remember God’s commands to us today? (v.12)

**Our practices and views today about family and domestic life may be different than that of the Israelites, but how we live out our faith in these situations is no less important to God today. We should strive to make our family and domestic values the same as His.**