

Deuteronomy 22:1-12

Laws for Life!



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Deuteronomy 22:1-12

1. Read Deuteronomy 22:1-12. The Ten Commandments were given in Deuteronomy 5. Many of the laws in this chapter can be thought of in relationship with the sixth commandment: “You shall not murder”. Discuss how these laws are related to the sixth commandment.
2. There are six groups of laws in the passage we are studying: 22:1-4 (animals and other things that are lost), 22:5 (differences between men and women), 22:6-7 (bird’s nests), 22:8 (parapet around roofs); 22:9-11 (mixing things); and 22:12 (tassels on cloaks). Discuss one or two of these. What are these laws about? How do they relate to loving God and loving neighbour?

The Scriptures – Deuteronomy 22:1-12

3. Read and compare Exodus 23:4-5 with Deuteronomy 22:1-4. How are these laws similar?
4. These were wonderful laws for Israel in their time and place. But Israel failed to keep these laws. Israel’s prophets looked forward to a more powerful law. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What are the characteristics of the new covenant the LORD will make with his people?
5. God continues to be interested in the life and death of birds. Many of Jesus’ teachings take the laws of Deuteronomy and expand them. Read and discuss Matthew 10:28-31.
6. What do New Testament authors such as Paul teach about the Law of Moses? Read and discuss Galatians 5:13-18.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Deuteronomy 22:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. How do you love God in the way you relate to creation? Other people? All the details of life?
8. What are some areas in your life in which you pray the Holy Spirit will change you? How can we pray and support you as you seek to be obedient to God in these areas of life?

