



Discussion Guide for “How to Read the Legal Codes”

How the Bible Works Week 6

Can we all admit we skip the legal codes in the Bible? It's hard to imagine texts that have less to do with our daily lives... isn't it? How can we read the Bible's legal codes for spiritual formation? Leviticus 19 illustrates just how relevant these ancient legal texts are to our world today.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Leviticus 19:1-22](#)

[Galatians 3:23-25](#)

[2 Timothy 3:15-17](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Leviticus 19](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you spent much time reading the legal codes in the Bible? Why or why not?
2. We're 3,000 years later than the culture these codes were designed to regulate. How does that make reading them *for spiritual formation* challenging?
3. Revisit Leviticus 19. What is the larger theme of this passage? How does that impact how you understand it?
4. Which laws in Leviticus 19 feel the most relevant to your world today?
5. What does it look like for you to be formed by this passage this week?