

**YOU ASKED FOR IT 2018**  
**WEEK EIGHT: IMMIGRATION**

Deuteronomy 10:18-19, Leviticus 19:33-34, Romans 13:1-7

**PRINCIPLE:** IMMIGRATION IS PRIMARILY A GOSPEL AND MISSIONAL MATTER THAT MUST BE WORKED OUT LOVINGLY AND LEGALLY

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:**

**For Starters:** The words penned on the Statue of Liberty (1883) read: *Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door.* In light of current immigration issues, do these words still ring true for America today?

**Quick Fire Round:**

1. Discuss the following quote from Russell Moore (Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission): *The Christian response to immigrant communities in the United States cannot be “You kids get off of my lawn” in Spanish. While evangelicals, like other Americans, might disagree on the political specifics of achieving a just and compassionate immigration policy, our rhetoric must be informed by more than politics, but instead by gospel and mission.* Do you agree with Moore’s position? Discuss.
2. Read Exodus 22:21-22, Deut. 10:18-19, Lev. 19:9-10, 33-34, Jeremiah 7:5-7 and Zechariah 7:9-10. What principles are we to live by in regard to caring for people, no matter their legal immigrant status?
3. Read Amos 4:1-3, Matthew 25:41-45, and James 5:1-6. Why is God serious about ignoring the plight of the outcast and immigrant? What does this mean for us today?
4. Read Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. How must we love compassionately but maintain legality? Consider ways to do this.
5. Read 1 John 4:16-21. How often are we driven by fear? How has the current immigration issue been driven by fear? How can we change this rhetoric?

**Weekly Challenge:** What have you learned from this study on immigration? Has it changed your views in any way? How can you participate in and pray for people and/or ruling authorities this week?