

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Womb to Tomb | Exodus 22:22-24 | Caring for Widows

MAIN IDEA:

God's people are to share God's heart to care for those who can't care for themselves

Sermon Outline:

God has concern for those who are neglected. {Exodus 22:22-23}

God has condemnation for those who are unjust. Exodus 22:24}

Pre-Questions

James 1:27 describes pure religion as looking after orphans and widows in their distress. How does this verse challenge our current practices in caring for widows within our church community?

When you hear the term 'pro-life,' what aspects of life come to mind? How does caring for widows fit into a holistic pro-life ethic?

QUESTIONS

General Questions:

1. In 1 Timothy 5:3-16, Paul provides specific instructions on supporting widows. What principles can we extract from this passage to apply in our context today?
2. Psalm 68:5 describes God as a 'father to the fatherless, a defender of widows.' How can embodying this aspect of God's character influence our approach to social justice and mercy ministries?
3. 1 Timothy 5:4 emphasizes that if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn to show godliness by caring for their own family. How can families and the church collaborate to ensure widows receive comprehensive support?
4. In what practical ways can you personally contribute to caring for widows in your community? Consider time, resources, and advocacy.

Family Questions:

1. Have you ever met someone who was lonely or needed help? How did you feel when you helped them?
2. Do you know someone in our family or church who has lost a loved one? How can we show them that we care about them?
3. A widow is someone who has lost their husband. How do you think they feel, and what can we do to make them feel loved?



4. In Luke 4:18, Jesus said He came to help people who are hurting or lonely. How do you think Jesus would want us to treat widows or people who don't have family to help them?
5. What are some things we can do as a family to help people who are lonely, like widows or older people in our church?

Activity: "Love in Action" Challenge

- Plan a family project to bless a widow or an older person. Ideas include:
- Making a homemade card or artwork.
- Baking cookies and delivering them.
- Inviting them over for a meal or visiting them.
- Offering to help with tasks like yard work or groceries.

