

Atonement for an Unsolved Murder - Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30

Topics: Adultery, Family, Forgiveness, Guilt, Murder, Neighbor, Sex

Open It

1. What is it about unsolved murders that fascinates people?
- * 2. What types of events cause families to break up?
3. What sort of offense would be most difficult for you to forgive?

Explore It

4. What were the elders and judges to do when a slain person was found? (21:1-5)
5. What did the elders declare after they had killed a heifer? (21:6-9)
6. How were the men of Israel to treat women they captured from defeated enemies? (21:10-14)
- * 7. How were the rights of the firstborn to be handled? (21:15-17)
- * 8. What was a man told to do if he had a stubborn and rebellious son? (21:18-19)
9. If a stubborn son was found guilty of rebellion, what was his punishment? (21:20-21)
10. If someone was hung for a capital offense, what happened to the body? (21:22-23)
11. What was a person supposed to do if he or she saw his or her brother's animals straying? (22:1-3)
12. How were Israelites told to treat fallen animals? (22:4)
13. What dress code did God have for men and women? (22:5)
14. How are the people of Israel required to treat a bird's nest? (22:6-7)
15. What various regulations did God give Israel? (22:8-12)
- * 16. How did a girl give proof of her virginity in Israel? (22:13-19)
17. If no proof of a girl's virginity could be found, how was she to be punished? (22:20-21)
18. How were adulterers in Israel to be punished? (22:22)
19. In what ways were virgins protected by God's law? (22:23-30)

Get It

20. How do God's laws reveal His desire to protect families?
- * 21. How can sexual immorality destroy families?
- * 22. What are different ways people handle rebellious children today?
23. What does this passage teach us about how to treat family members?
24. How does the Word of God provide healthy boundaries for people to live by?
25. How are sexual crimes handled in our society today?
26. In what ways does this passage protect the rights of unmarried women?

Apply It

- * 27. What can you do today to be a positive influence in your family?
28. How can you be supportive of someone who comes from a difficult family?