

Notes & Quotes

Rule of Law & Immigration Mercies

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PASSAGE FOR STUDY

**Genesis 1:27;
Romans 13**

THIS WEEK'S TAKE HOME TRUTH

**Complex issues
require Careful
thought, not
Instant
certainty.**

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

Jeremiah 29:7



Opener



First Look



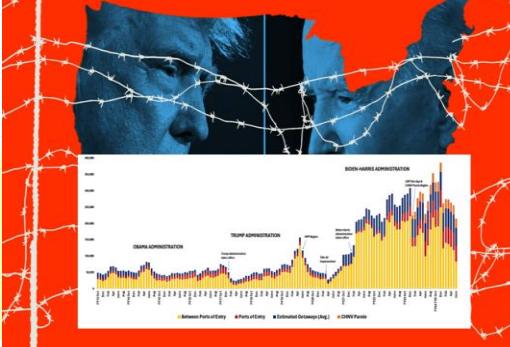
Digging Deeper



Life Change

Life Group Growth Guides

- * ***Complex issues require careful thought, not instant certainty.***
Name a number of issues in our culture that might fall into this category.
What makes these issues complex? Why is our tendency to reduce these very complex issues into a single/simple narrative? What might we practically do to foster a different response?



Read John 1:14. Jesus was the perfect living embodiment of Truth and Grace in every human interaction. Pick an interaction Jesus had with someone that showed both. Why can this be tough to emulate?

Read Romans 13:1-7. God establishes Government for our Good . . . To restrain evil and preserve societal stability. List the all the descriptive words the characterize how a believer should relate to their government? Why? What made this so difficult in Paul's day? Today? When government fails to maintain the "Rule of Law" who suffers first? Who suffers most? Why?

Read Genesis 1:26.27. As followers of Jesus, we believe every human being has dignity, value and worth regardless of their social, religious or immigration status. How might a 'biblical' vs. a 'Darwinian' worldview change how we might view and relate to others?

Read Deuteronomy 10:17-20. Moses reminds the nation of Israel to emulate God's character defending the helpless and loving foreigners, reminding them that they once strangers in Egypt. Why do you think Moses feels the need to remind God's people of their past history in Egypt? In 1932, our church was named the "*1st English Speaking Baptist Church*" as the first regional church to have services in English. Why might this be a historical reflection be healthy and helpful?

Read Luke 10:25-37. If you were asked the same question by Jesus, “Who is my neighbor”, what would be your response? What’s the BIG IDEA of this powerful/practical/parable?

Read Jeremiah 29:7. What was God's exhortation to His people as they were "relocated" to a foreign land? What implications/applications might we glean from this text?

***Prayer Time** . . . Take a few minutes and share some praises and concerns in your life. What mission opportunities might we pray towards (Matthew 28:18,19)