

February 1, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Moses Listens to His Father-in-Law” – Exodus 18:1-27

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. Who heard about all that God had done for Moses and Israel (v. 1)?
2. Who did Jethro bring with him to meet Moses in the wilderness (vv. 2-5)?
3. What were the names of Moses’ two sons, and what did their names mean (vv. 3-4)?
4. How did Moses greet his father-in-law when he arrived (v. 7)?
5. About what did Moses talk with Jethro (v. 8)?
6. How did Jethro respond to hearing about God’s deliverance (vv. 9-10)?
7. What did Jethro acknowledge about the Lord after hearing Moses’ account (v. 11)?
8. What offering did Jethro bring to God (v. 12)?
9. What did Moses do the next day that concerned Jethro (v. 13)?
10. What advice did Jethro give Moses regarding judging the people (vv. 17-23)?
11. How did Moses respond to Jethro’s advice (vv. 24-26)?
12. What did Jethro do after giving Moses counsel (v. 27)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

13. Were Moses and Zipporah divorced? Explain.
14. Did Jethro become a believer in Yahweh? Explain.
15. How did Jethro’s counsel to Moses aid in the progress of God’s redemption of His people?
16. Upon what principles was Jethro’s counsel based?
17. In a presbyterian system of government, how do power and authority flow?

18. Where does the highest seat of power and authority reside in a presbyterian form of government?
19. Is the American system a presbyterial form of government? If so, how? If not, what kind of system is it?
20. How do we use Scripture and reason when governing and running the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ [see *WCF* 1.6]?
21. How should those in positions of authority receive and handle advice from those in lesser positions of power and influence?
22. What is common grace?
23. Why is it important to know not just “how” things in life work and operate, but the ultimate reason “why” they work as they do? Does it really matter if your car mechanic knows the LORD God if he is a good mechanic who knows how to repair your car?
24. What counselors who are not Christians has the LORD God brought into your life that have given you wise counsel? How do you discern whether their counsel is wise?