

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### SESSION 2: STATUTES AND RULES SO RIGHTEOUS AS ALL THIS LAW

Nick followed his explanation of the correct contextual philosophy for understanding the purpose of the Law in the first session, by explaining the appropriate Hebrew vocabulary for understanding how to interpret and apply this law in our western context.

Here is an overview of the terms:

**Torah:** Instructions

**Tasddiq:** Standard of Rightness for Human Flourishing; Righteousness

**Hoq:** Laws

**Mishpat:** Laws Applied/Judgements, Justice

**Rasa:** Wickedness/Misalignment with Standard.

A summary of how this work together is as follows:

God has given us his Instructions (Torah) for how to be and flourish (Tasddiq) as his treasured possessions/priests (Segullah). Those instructions are laws (hoq) that must be interpreted and applied justly (Mishpat) in each of their varied contexts so that we avoid misaligning (rasa) ourselves with the standard of flourishing, which would lead to suffering and wonkiness that is outside the boundaries of God treaty/good design.

#### Questions:

- How does the nuance of these terms better help you understand and apply God's law for its intended purpose of flourishing?
- Which hoq of the 1st table jumped out to you the most and why?