

Room at the Table

Read the following passage together – Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Get Started

1. Who gave you your first loan? How did it feel to be in debt for the first time?
2. Do you give money to people on the street or at intersections? Why or why not?

About the Passage

1. By this principle of cancelling debts, what attitude, behaviour and theology is Moses (God) trying to teach Israel? How is each of these three related? (i.e. attitude, behaviour and theology)
2. Why should Israel be so generous? (vs 4)
3. Is verse 11 an excuse to do nothing or an appeal to take action? In what way? In what context does Jesus use this verse in John 12:8?

Apply This

1. How can we apply the principles of this passage today? What parts are relevant and is any part not applicable? Why?
2. What causes a 'tight fist'? How can we live more 'open-handed'?
3. Is there a practical action that your group can take this week or month to become more 'open-handed' or to make room at the table?