



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Deuteronomy 15:4-11; Matthew 25:42-45

Read and Listen to “A New Job Offer”

Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch

Class Starter Discussion Questions

1. **Colt tells Tex that some men guard towns while others guard the spirit of a place.**

What do you think he meant by “guarding the spirit,” and how can people do that in everyday life?

2. **In the story, Colt says peace comes from neighbors standing together.**

How does this idea connect with the biblical teaching not to “harden your heart” toward others in need?

3. **Tex believes Colt would make a good deputy because of his judgment and calmness.**

What qualities are more important for keeping peace: authority and power, or wisdom and character? Others? Why?

4. **Colt refuses the badge even though it is an honorable opportunity.**

How can a person tell the difference between a good opportunity and the *right* calling for their life?

5. **Both the story and the scripture emphasize helping others and standing together.**

What are practical ways a community today can “open wide their hand” to those in need?

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