

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5, NIV).

Core 52: Atonement

When do you first remember hearing or understanding the notion that “Jesus died for your sins”? Do you remember how you understood that concept at the time?

What stood out to you from the sermon this week?

At-One-Ment

Read Leviticus 17:11, Romans 6:23, Colossians 1:19-22, and 1 Peter 1:18-19. What came to mind as you read these verses? Did God challenge you through anything in these verses?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. From these verses, what is our life purpose? Why?

Why would our reconciliation in Christ affect our purpose?

What in your estimation is the costliest national sin in the US? What causes the most damage to families and communities, and what costs the most to fix?

How does this cost analysis help you to appreciate what Jesus did to fix our sin?

Read Isaiah 53 aloud. Stop at each verses and ask how this was fulfilled by Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Read Romans 5:6-11, 15. Note how often Paul (author) writes “how much more” or “not only so.” What does this tell you about the unfathomableness of God’s abundant grace?

Which benefit of atonement from the sermon (takes away sin, takes away guilt, takes away estrangement) do you appreciate the most right now? Why?

How would you explain *substitutionary atonement* in simple terms to a colleague at work or to a friend?

What has this study taught you about atonement?

Why does it matter?

TAKEAWAY: We Are Free.

Why is it important to live as we have freedom in Christ?