

ATONEMENT

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS

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Forgiveness | Isaiah 55:3-6

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued our series on the At-one-ment, looking at the richness of what Jesus accomplished on the cross, focusing in this week on the aspect of Forgiveness..

R E A D

Isaiah 53:3-6; Galatians 3:13; Romans 3:19-25a; Romans 5:6-11; 1 Peter 2:22-25

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) Compare the numerous scriptures listed above. Where are the similarities? How does each one contribute a different nuance to your understanding of the forgiveness aspect of Atonement?
- 2) In your own words, describe what we are forgiven FROM and what we are being forgiven TO. (Note: forgiveness is not just a transaction but a relationship)
- 3) Consider the barriers to forgiveness that we might experience. There are NO barriers with God! But in our thinking we sometimes wrestle with believing and accepting the truth of the free gift of forgiveness.

- 4) Take time to speak aloud your thankfulness to God for the forgiveness that is possible because of what Jesus did at the cross. Speaking this aloud helps you to articulate the truth AND receive it in a different way than when you remain silent. Even if you are alone, say it out loud.

R E S P O N D

Take time to be still in the presence of God and allow Holy Spirit to "search your heart" (Psalm 139:23-24). Enter into this exercise remembering that you are LOVED so very very much. Allow God, as the Shepherd and Guardian of your soul, to reveal to you where you are following your own path instead of His path. Write or speak out your confession.

P R A Y

Ask Jesus to help you to live into the fullness of forgiveness, being specific if there are temptations that pull you towards living in ways that bring separation in your relationship.

Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind to be ready to speak out His truth of forgiveness to the people you meet this week. If you have a specific person in mind that you hope to share this truth with, pray for them now.