



WEEK 15: ATONEMENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is the most expensive, unexpected cost you have endured and what was it like to work through that process?
2. What was the most expensive, desired cost you have paid and what was it like to receive that?
3. In your estimation, what is the costliest national sin in our country? What causes the most damage to families and communities and what costs the most to fix?
4. Look up the definition of atonement and read it to the group.
5. How does Jesus' death cover sin? How is He an atonement for us?
6. We likely see animal sacrifice very differently than ancient Jews. How do you think they viewed animal sacrifice?
7. How would you compare the cost of sacrifice in Bible times to our lives today?
8. What would it have meant to an ancient Jew to have one single, final sacrifice?
9. Do you think we feel the full weight of Jesus' sacrifice?
10. Read Isaiah 53 aloud. Stop at each verse and ask how this was fulfilled by Jesus' death and resurrection.
11. How would you explain "substitutionary atonement" in simple terms to a colleague at work or a friend?

ACTION STEP

Read Isaiah 53 in your Bible. Write down or memorize one phrase that impacted you and recite this the next time you take communion.