

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

MARCH 6, 2022



### ICEBREAKER

What do you think of TikTok? Out of the social media platforms, what do you like the most? Why?

### QUESTIONS

Why is social media not a good source to gain insight and understanding about life? About God? (60-second clips do not give enough time to think about what is true, misinformation, unrealistic expectations, absorption of information in isolation)

This week's message is about the biblical definition of Atonement. How would you define Atonement? (reconciliation of God and humankind, Christ's sacrificial death on the cross to pay for our sins, to way we are made right with God)

### READ

Isaiah 6:5

### QUESTIONS

What was Isaiah's reaction to the scene of God's holiness? (awestruck, guilt-ridden, sobering, a cry out of God's holiness and our sinfulness)

What is something you have worked hard to be good at? What drove your desire to be great at that thing?

In what ways do we try to live a holy life? (pursue perfection, follow the rules, do good works, go church, be obedient in prayer or serving)

## **READ**

Hebrews 9:24-27 and 2 Corinthians 5:21

## **QUESTIONS**

What words or phrase stands out to you?

What does this passage teach us about holiness? (it is not about us trying to follow a list of dos and don'ts, Jesus came on our behalf to end sin once and for all, Jesus is perfect so we don't have to be, we become righteous through Christ)

## **READ**

Hebrews 4:14-16

## **QUESTIONS**

According to the passage, what gives us the confidence to draw near to the throne of grace? (Jesus can relate to our weakness, Jesus was fully man and tempted in same ways we are, Jesus understands and offers us mercy and grace in our time of need)

What does it look like to trust a holy God to receive you even when you don't feel "holy" or worthy? (it is not about works or perfection, not about deals made with God, no need to earn what is already given to you freely through the grace of Jesus)

## **READ**

1 John 4:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

## **QUESTIONS**

God showed His love by sending His Son to be the sacrifice for our sins. What is the danger in defining or quantifying God's love based on your circumstances rather than the cross?

How does God's love for us challenge or invite you to live differently? ([We live differently not to earn something but because we have received something, to love others the way Jesus loves us](#))

**PRAYER: How can this group pray for you this week?**

Thank you, Lord, for your love and for providing a way of atonement to restore our relationship with you. We ask you to help us love each other in the same ways You love us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**LEADERS:**

**Share about baptism! Baptism is a great next step for someone to take to grow their relationship with Christ. Our next baptism is Palm Sunday on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has put their faith in Christ is invited to participate. You don't have to be a member of RPC|WE to be baptized. Sign up at [rpc.me/baptism](http://rpc.me/baptism)!**

**Also, our Sermon Discussion Guides will continue through March!**