

Lesson 4: Atonement

Icebreaker:

If you have access to a sports video game, have a quick contest. Give medals or prizes to the winners. This will relate to the session best if you have a video game that allows you to be a sports athlete in the game: Madden Football, MLB, or a WII console-like golf or tennis game are examples.



Alternative:

Ask everyone to describe something about themselves using a characteristic of a famous person: ex. "I have white hair like Steve Martin." "I have been told I laugh like Jennifer Anniston."

In this session, we learn what the Atonement is and why it matters - how Jesus death on the cross changes everything.

Watch the Video

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the first thing you notice about someone when you meet them? What do you think God notices about us?
2. How did the sacrifices of the Old Testament illustrate what Jesus would one day do on the cross?
3. Why is Jesus the only one who could make the perfect sacrifice?
4. What do you think Paul Little meant by his statement, "The Gospel is not a set of swimming instructions for a drowning man, but a pardon and reprieve from death for a man who does not deserve it"? (From *Know What You Believe*)
5. How does Jesus' death on the cross provide us with assurance of our salvation (1 John 3:16)?
6. How does "at-one-ment" help us understand the meaning of atonement?

1 John 2:2 (NIV84)

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.