

At+One: Life & Teaching

1. Open with prayer: *God who leads by example, open our eyes, hearts, and minds to hear how salvation came down to earth in your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*
2. Refresh: What is atonement? At-one-ment – making one again
3. Our main study question: when did atonement occur?
 - a. Incarnation
 - b. Life & Teaching**
 - c. Crucifixion & Death
 - d. Resurrection
4. **Moral Exemplar atonement theory**
 - a. Christ lives and dies to show us all how to live and love. By seeing Christ's self-sacrificing example, we are moved to act in a self-sacrificing, compassionate way.
 - b. "God loves us, and shows us the way!"
 - c. We are saved because Jesus has shown us the way to behave/live life – we are saved by his example.
 - d. Read Luke 19:1-10; John 21:15-19; John 15:9-17; Matthew 10:1-8. Does Zacchaeus reach atonement in his lifetime? What about Peter and his redemption story (travels from transfiguration to misunderstanding to denial to pure love)? What does Jesus expect from the disciples? What does Jesus expect from us because of his life and death?
5. **Solidarity atonement theory**
 - a. Christ lives and dies in order to be in solidarity—share in—the suffering world. We know that we are not alone as we suffer and can look forward in hope to resurrection with and in Christ—will escape suffering because of Christ.
 - b. "God is with us! We will rise with God!"
 - c. We are saved because God is with us.
 - d. Read Matthew 27:46; Colossians 1:13-23; 1 John 4:7-16; Philippians 2:5-11. Does God experience Godforsakenness? Does God redeem that feeling? How is God with the suffering? What does Christ do rather than hold on to his glory and power? Where else in the life and ministry of Jesus was he in solidarity with the suffering?
6. Belhar Confession: God is and God acts, so the church therefore must act.
7. Hymns teach theology:
 - a. My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 - b. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 - c. Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
 - d. "Come and Stand Amazed, You People" (stanza 3)
8. What difference does it make looking at the world through these atonement theories?
9. Close in prayer.