

### Chapter 6 – Sacrifice and Atonement

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

Because we discuss the Old Testament sacrificial system and it's witness to the ultimate sacrifice that Christ would eventually endure on the cross this would be a great week to consider closing your group with communion. Between the two major ordinances of the Christian faith (baptism and the Lord's Supper) communion is a rite that may be partaken outside of the church. If you would like to lead your group in this act of remembrance, it's important that you, as a leader first understand the significance and symbolism that the Lord's Supper represents. The articles listed at the bottom of this guide will help you with Scripture references and some simple explanations. The most important aspect of communion is remembrance; reflecting on the sacrifice that Christ made for us, and the eternal significance that his death AND resurrection carries for believers. When we remember, our reflection leads us to act differently in personal holiness and external representation of the Gospel to others. When you partake, any juice and cracker will suffice for your group time. Give your group members time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice and then take the elements together as you close you time.

#### How HIS-story becomes My Story:

GOD'S STORY - A holy and perfect God demands perfection. Therefore, He himself had to provide a way for sinful man to be in relationship with Him through the shedding of blood.

OUR STORY - Our sin requires a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, in order for our relationship with God to be restored.

MY STORY - Because no sacrifice that I could give would be enough to restore my relationship with God, God provided the ultimate blood sacrifice for us through Christ's death on the cross.

#### Starting the Conversation:

Reflect on the previous week. Did learning that we are the people of God affect the way you represented Christ to those around you? If so, how?

#### Additional Recommended Resources:

- *"What is the importance of the Lord's Supper?"* – GotQuestions.org article
- *"Is it acceptable to have communion outside of the church?"* – GotQuestions.org article
- *"What is transubstantiation?"* – GotQuestions.org article