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Weekly Action Report



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Our Weekly Action Plan is designed to help you recapture and build on what God is teaching from Sunday's message.

If you missed last week's message you can listen to it here.

Here are some outstanding verses that we didn't get a chance to talk about Sunday. They are a great reminder of what we talked about on Sunday but will also prepare your heart and mind to celebrate Good Friday and Easter.

<u>Isaiah 53:5</u> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- <u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u> God made him who had no sin to be sin[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- <u>1 Peter 2:24</u> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."
- <u>1 Peter 3:18</u> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

Dig Deeper:

On Sunday we discussed the definition of the word "atonement". Here is a great article that explains the Old Testament "Day of Atonement" and the ceremony that involved the expulsion of a living animal from the camp, traditionally called the "scapegoat".

http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2014/april/atonement-and-scapegoat-leviticus-16-by-dr-kenneth-mathews.html

Talk it out:

Sit down at your kitchen table or at a coffee shop and explore with someone these questions below:

- 1. What verse from the above list most resinates with you? Why?
- 2. It is hard to imagine that God loves us some much that He would willingly substitute His life for our. Although it can't be compared, what is the biggest sacrifice you have ever made for someone else?
- 3. Good Friday and Easter are always a great time to reflect on just how much God has forgiven you for. Practicing forgiveness is among the greatest challenges we face but clearly God expects us to forgive others too (Ephesians 4:32). Is there someone that you have not forgiven that you need to?

Store it up:

Committing verses to memory is a key way to hold on to the truths of God that we need to be reminded of regularly. Here is a great verse, "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body" Hebrews 10:19&20

It is a privilege to serve and pray with you - Noah