

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

Lent: The Slain Lamb



Opening

1. Helpful videos:
 - a. Atonement : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_OIRWGLdnw&t=106s
 - b. Leviticus overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmvyrLXoQio>
2. When you think of the cross, what are the dominant images that come to your mind?

Going Deeper

Read Isaiah 53 together

1. The image of Jesus as a slain lamb is one that comes out of the sacrificial system in the book of Leviticus. Although most people struggle to make sense of this book, what do we learn in Leviticus about God and humanity?
2. Read Leviticus 4:32-35. Now take a moment to explain how the sacrificial system worked.
3. Many people have read passages like these and argued that the Old Testament depicts God as an angry monster who demands animal sacrifice in order to be appeased. How would you respond to this common critique?
 - a. Do you think it's fair that God gets angry at sin? Why?
 - b. What do you make of Miraslav Volf's statement, "*Though I used to complain about the indecency of the idea of God's wrath, I came to think that I would have to rebel against a God who wasn't wrathful at the sight of the world's evil. God isn't wrathful in spite of being love, God is wrathful because God is.*"
 - c. How is the sacrificial system a provisional expression of God's grace?

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4. Read Isaiah 53:4-6 again. How does this passage speak to you on a personal level?
5. How do we respond to a passage like this?

Close in Prayer