Community Group Questions:

ICEBREAKER: If you had an hour alone to do whatever you want, what would you do?

- 1. The simplest definition of Atonement is "to cover." How would you explain how that relates to the death of Christ and the salvation of sinners?
- 2. Pastor Mike defined Substitutionary Atonement as "Jesus died as a substitute for you." Why do you think some people stumble over this?
- 3. Pastor Mike mentioned that some people accuse the doctrine of Substitutionary atonement as being nothing more than "cosmic child abuse", how would you respond?
- 4. In light of Jesus's Atonement, how then, shall you live? How do these theological truths apply to your everyday life?



This week's sermon FOR THOSE WHO NEITHER STUMBLE NOR SNEER Mark 15:1-15

- A guilty man ran free.
 A free man was crucified in his place.
- 2. The substitutionary atonement means that you can be forgiven of your sins, born again, gain eternal life, only if you receive Jesus who died as a substitute for you.
- Most people upon hearing that salvation comes from the death of an innocent man do not believe it—they stumble over it.
 Do you believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins, as your substitute? If so, then you are among the ones called by God, and the cross is neither a scandal nor foolishness, but the power of God to save.