

THE FRACTURE BEFORE THE FIX

THEME FOR MARCH: ATONEMENT

DEFINITION OF ATONEMENT:

Atonement is the saving work of Jesus that removes the distance sin created and restores our relationship with God.

Atonement is how Jesus made it possible for us to come back to God.

PURPOSE:

We are not rushing to the cross. We are sitting with the fracture.

We must understand what sin broke before we can fully appreciate what atonement restores. Atonement was not random. It was necessary.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:6–10

ICEBREAKER:

What happens when you fracture something?

POINTS:

1. TRUST FRACTURED – PROVERBS 3:5–6

Reflection: What happens when we lean on our own understanding instead of trusting God?

2. OBEDIENCE FRACTURED – 1 SAMUEL 15:22; JOHN 14:15

Reflection: How does obedience reveal trust and love for God?

3. IDENTITY FRACTURED – GENESIS 1:27

Reflection: How does moving from image-bearer to hiding in shame show identity fracture?

4. FELLOWSHIP FRACTURED – ISAIAH 59:2

Reflection: How does separation from God reveal the need for atonement?

CLOSING:

Humanity was not able to repair what was broken. Atonement was necessary because sin created a separation we could not bridge. Only God can repair what sin destroys.