

Current Series
**“Through the Eyes
 Of Jesus”**

February 28 to April 18

6. “The Atonement as Jesus Sees You and Me”

Message Outline

1. Who is in need of forgiveness

If you could think of a sin so horrendous that it would be UNFORGIVABLE, what would that sin be?

2. The way we see the atonement (see 2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

- Doctrinal correctness
- A lack of clarity and understanding
- Spectators unmoved and uninvolved

3. Why did Jesus die on Calvary? (see Luke 23:34)

- To atone for the sin of fallen humankind (the doctrine)
- “Father forgive them To forgive those who literally were causing his death (the passion)
- for they do not know what they are doing.”

4. The way we need to see our sinfulness (see Romans 3:22-24)

- Only one sin is UNFORGIVABLE
- Jesus’ cry is for all humankind
- Let Him forgive you too

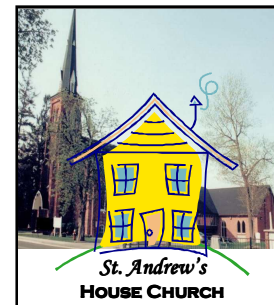
TAKE HOMES (points to remember)

- Most people think that there is a _____ of sins where certain sins are more grievous than others.
- The atonement involves Jesus _____ and becoming sin who knew no sin. This is a _____.
- To understand why Jesus died, we need to own our sinfulness and hear him say, _____.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

We encourage you to discuss these issues during the coming week as a

- Study Guide for House Church
- Time of reflection individually or with members of your family



Warm-Up

When someone has hurt you deeply, how hard is it for you to forgive that person? What do you have to do in order to move past the hurt, anger, and demand for

justice in order to truly forgive that person?

- What do you understand “substitutionary atonement” to mean? Explore and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
- How do you feel about the idea that the sinless Son of God had to die to pay for your sin (and the sin of all humankind)?
- Consider 1 John 4:9-11 as another motivation for why Jesus had to die? How does this change your understanding of the atonement?
- Jesus said, **“Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing”**. How does our “not knowing” affect our responsibility for our actions and the consequences of our sin?
- Why is “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” the only unforgivable sin? (see Mark 3:20-29)
- What difference does it make to know that Jesus sees you as you are and forgives you fully?