

# **Becoming Centers of Forgiveness and Peace**

## **Session 2: Because We All Need to Brush Our Teeth**

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### **I. Introductions and Opening Prayer**

### **II. Teaser**

Have you ever been “stood up”—someone failed to show up for a date or appointment? Can you talk about what happened next?

### **III. The Biblical View from Here: Atonement and Grace**

- a. OT views of atonement
  - i. Adam and Eve
  - ii. Overlooking
- b. NT view of atonement
  - i. The substitute — Romans 3:21–26
  - ii. Ransom or Redemption — Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, 1 Timothy 2:6, Hebrews 9:15
  - iii. Mediator or “Bridge” — Romans 5:2, Ephesians 2:18, Galatians 3:19–20, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 8:8, 9:15, 12:24
- c. Restoration of a relationship
- d. Grace is the undeserved blessing of God
  - i. to take the punishment we had earned,
  - ii. to pay the price we should pay,
  - iii. to invite us in where the door was closed
  - iv. to build a bridge that allows us to have intimacy with God

### **IV. Sacrifice, Sin and Forgiveness — Numbers 15:25–31**

- a. What are key words in this passage for you?
- b. How does forgiveness work here? Where and how does it happen?
- c. What are the advantages of approaching forgiveness this way? Are there any disadvantages?

### **V. Our Neediness and Jesus’ Sacrifice: Romans 3:21–26**

- a. How does “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of the God” sit with you? Does it make you despair or hope? Why?
- b. With the power of Jesus’ sacrifice, what is left for the law to do? What is the role of faith?
- c. When you encounter the knowledge of Jesus’ sacrifice, does anything change for you in your life? If so, what does? If not, can you say something about why that is?

### **VI. Because We All Have to Brush Our Teeth**