All about Jesus

Small group questions

Response to Grace: Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au

- 1. How has this sermon series helped you understand the connections between the Old and New Testaments?
- 2. What new insights did you gain from this week's message? Were there parts you found difficult to understand? Share with the group.

Mark looked with us at four key words:

SACRIFICE

- 3. Discuss the role of sacrifice in the Old Testament.
- 4. How does the sacrificial system in Leviticus point to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross?

ATONEMENT

- 5. Discuss the Day of Atonement. How does the symbolism of the two goats deepen our understanding of Christ's atoning work?
- 6. How does the concept of atonement in the Old Testament help us understand the depth of God's love for us and the significance of Jesus' sacrificial death and mighty resurrection?

TRUST

- 7. Why do you think the Israelites struggled with trust in God especially when he had already demonstrated so powerfully that he was acting for them? What can we learn from their experiences?
- 8. Why is trust such a crucial aspect of our relationship with God?
- 9. Read Romans 8 from v31ff. What is the sure sign we can trust God is for us! (Extra refer back also to vv28-30.)
- 10. In what areas of your life do you find it challenging to trust God fully? How can we help one another grow in trust?

OBEDIENCE

- 11. Discuss the emphasis on obedience in Deuteronomy. See the opening of Ch 6. How is obedience tied to our love for God?
- 12. If Israel had a TRUST problem, they also had an OBEDIENCE problem. And so do we! Why do we struggle with obedience?
- 13. How can our obedience to God's commands help us to stand out in the world and to be a distinctive people?
- 14. Why does Jesus tie love, to following his commands in John 14?
- 15. Share practical ways in which we can more deeply express love to one another in our church community and our daily lives.

Pray – thanking the Lord for Jesus' sacrifice and the atonement he has won for us. Pray that we will more radically and completely become people who trust deeply and obey fully.