

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **The sermon traced the idea of "the lamb" across several different parts of the Bible — Leviticus 17:11, Genesis 22:7-13, Exodus 12:3, Isaiah 53:6-7, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:18-20, and Hebrews 10:11-14.** Try to retrace that path together as a group, looking up each reference if it helps: what are a few of the comments that you remember, and which part of this Bible literacy moment was hardest to follow or most surprising to you?
2. **The sermon says "life is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11) — something had to die so something else could live.** Why do you think God set things up this way, instead of just deciding to forgive people without any cost at all?
3. **The pastor used the example of Judge Caprio, who used money from the *Filomena Fund* to pay other people's fines.** Have you ever seen someone pay a real cost — time, money, or something else — to help someone who couldn't pay it back? How did that make you feel toward them?
4. **The sermon pointed out how outrageous it was that the cruel, violent people of Nineveh said one simple "sorry" to God and were fully forgiven — no punishment at all.** Does God's mercy ever feel like it's "too easy" or almost unfair to you? How does knowing that the cost was actually paid at the cross change how you think about that?
5. **In the story of Abraham and Isaac, God never actually wanted a child sacrificed — he provided the sacrifice himself.** Is there something in your life you've assumed God demands from you (your effort, your performance, "being good enough") that he may have already provided for you instead? What would change if you believed that?
6. **This rescue wasn't just for Israel — it was for "every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9).** Is it easy or hard for you to believe this rescue is actually meant for you personally? What makes it easy or hard?