



For the final week of our Solid Ground sermon series we looked at: Atonement. We can define Atonement as: *The work Christ did in his life and death to earn our salvation*. For eight weeks we've been talking about building our lives on Jesus as the foundation of our lives. In Matthew 7, Jesus taught what it looks like to build our homes on solid ground and not on sinking sand. Jesus used the illustration of a home as a metaphor for our spiritual lives. Today we'll see how Jesus took our sins upon Him so we could be the righteousness of God. We'll see that Jesus conquered death and that because He is alive we can have life in Him.

1. Pastor Neal started our sermon by talking about what Easter was like for him as a child. Think back to your childhood, what are some of your favorite memories or special things you really enjoyed as a child on Easter?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Ephesians 2:16. Paul taught the church about how Jesus became sin so we could become the righteousness of God. Discuss the power of Jesus reconciling us back to God.
3. Jesus didn't just remove what's broken, He gave us something brand new and that is life in Him. Share with your group something that Jesus has made new in your life and how that makes life with Him so special.
4. In Luke 24:1-12 we read about the Tomb being empty. The disciples came to examine the tomb and they found no evidence of Jesus being there. What evidence of Jesus has helped encourage your faith the most?
5. Read John 3:16-16. The Scriptures teach us that Jesus came to bring us back into right relationship with God. Share about a time in your life when you vividly remember Jesus restoring your relationship with God.
6. In Luke 24:13-35 we see two of the disciples are completely hopeless. They are so dejected they leave Jerusalem. Share about a time in your life when things didn't go your way and it hurt your faith in God.
7. On the road to Emmaus Jesus uses the Old Testament Scriptures to encourage the disciples in their faith. Read Psalm 119:11, 105, Hebrews 4:12 and 2 Timothy 3:16. Share about how reading God's word has changed your life.
8. Close your time in prayer asking for God to help you understand glorification.