

I AM

From Worship to Weekday - February 7

I AM is our seven-week sermon series that explores each of the seven “I Am” statements that Jesus makes in the Gospel of John starting with John 6:32-51. Each “I Am” declaration illustrates a specific revelation of Jesus’ character and testifies to his divinity. Also, each of the “I Am” announcements reveal our spiritual needs and how Jesus perfectly meets each and every one.

CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER

- 1) How did you see God at work this past week?
- 2) What has God been teaching you in his Word this week?
- 3) What houses have you lived in over the years?

“I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6).

This powerful “I am” statement of Christ’s is packed with meaning. Jesus is not merely one way among many ways to God; He is the only way. Scripture said that “The very essence of [God’s] words is truth” (Psalm 119:160, NLT), and here is Jesus proclaiming that He is the truth—confirming His identity as the Word of God (see John 1:1, 14). And Jesus alone is the source of life; He is the Creator and Sustainer of all life and the Giver of eternal life.

CONNECT WITH GOD'S WORD - John 14:1-6 I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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GOING DEEPER

Read the end of John chapter 13, what had Jesus just told his disciples before he says "let not your heart be troubled."

What is going on in your life, to which Jesus is saying, "Let not your heart be troubled"? What do you have in your life that your brain is telling you, "be troubled, panic, stress out, worry."

JESUS IS THE WAY

When Jesus says, "I am the way," part of what he is saying is that he is the way *out* of those things. What were the disciples dealing with that they needed to hear Jesus was the way *out*? What are you dealing with that you need to hear Jesus is the way *out*?

But when Jesus says, "I am the way," he doesn't just mean he's a way out of trouble. He is also the way *in* to something. What is Jesus the way *in* to in this life? How about the next life?

Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through me." Why did Jesus say those words?

What does John 14:1-6 say about the place that Jesus is going and what he is doing to prepare it for you?

Describe the house that Jesus is going to prepare for you.

There is a way to get there and there are a million ways not to get there. What are some of the ways people try to get into the "father's house"?

Jesus doesn't want you to miss out on what he has to offer you. How do we receive God's gift of life? How can we leave our troubles behind and press on to our heavenly dwelling? See vs. 14.

The word way in the Greek Bible uses *hodos*, and means "a road, a path, how you access something." Everyone is on a road, are you on the road to where you want to go? Or, are you on some other road right now? Is here's a part of your life you are letting drift. Are you going down the wrong road in some way?

If you or it is someone you know is going down the wrong path, what needs to happen?

JESUS IS THE TRUTH

What is the connection between way and truth?

How do true and the truth differ?

Truth is something on which you can rely. It is dependable. It is life-giving. It is destination-delivering, especially when we are talking about your eternal destination. There are a lot of ways people obtain what they believe is the truth. How do you come to know the truth?

JESUS IS THE LIFE

Pastor Langewisch told the story of Claire who collapsed on the volleyball court and would have died if she had not received the life-giving electrical shock from an AED. How is what occurred in her life like how Jesus works in your life?

Which of the three words that Jesus uses to describe himself is hardest for you to believe?

CONNECT WITH GOD IN PRAYER

Pray for acceptance and understanding of the truth God has revealed in John 14:1-6.