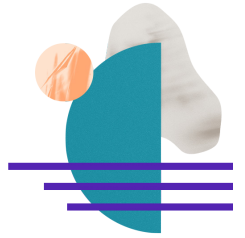




DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



“THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES,
BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER.”

ISAIAH 40:8

THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU!

Hey Gospel City, this week we are going to study Jesus' I AM statements in John! The gospel according to John was written so that readers could see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (20:31). In order to better understand what that means we are going to specifically focus on Jesus' I AM statements, which are explicit references to His deity. As we will see, when Jesus says “before Abraham was, I AM” He is claiming to be Yahweh; the God who was “in the beginning,” the God who is all the promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the God who will be for all of eternity. Therefore, John is showing us that Jesus is not just a human messiah, and He is not just a godly man; He is God incarnate! He is the great I AM who always has been and always will be. He is the bread of life. He is the light of the world. He is the good shepherd. He is the resurrection and the life. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the vine. And He is the one who has made Yahweh known. We pray that this study will help you see in new and glorious ways that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life in His name.

THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

READ:

What you will read is living and active (Heb. 4:12). It has the power to revive your soul (Ps. 19:7). Its truth is worth more than fine gold (Ps. 19:10), and it will never fail or fade away (Is. 40:8). Go to it humbly, hear God speak, and be reminded of the Hope that you have in Jesus.

MEDITATE ON:

Simply reading the Word is like briskly walking by a warm fire on a cold night. But meditation is like sitting by the warm fire so that it lights up for your face and warms your bones. (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian life*). Therefore, pick a verse from each section to meditate on. What does it mean? What does it say about God? What does it say about you? What do you need to do to obey? You can pick any verse. But we will suggest a verse each time in case you have trouble picking one.

DISCUSS THIS:

We do not want to just be hearers of the Word; we want to be doers of the Word as well. Ask yourself and those around you how you can apply the text, how you can obey the text, and how you can bring glory to your Father in heaven.

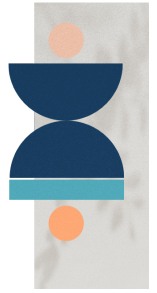
PRAY THIS:

Pray to your Father that the Holy Spirit would empower the Word of Christ to become true in your hearts, your lives, this church, and this world. Pray the Word back to God. For he always answers us when we pray according to his will (1 John 5:14). And the best way to pray according to his will is to pray his Word!



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GOSPEL CITY | JESUS IS "I AM"



SUNDAY | DAY 1

READ: EXODUS 3:1-15 + JOHN 8:48-59

MEDITATE ON:

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

JOHN 8:58

DISCUSS THIS:

What are some words that describe who God is? As you think of each word, attach it to God's covenant name "I AM" and say it out loud. For example: "I AM Love." "I AM Salvation." "I AM Eternal." Then discuss the significance of Jesus of Nazareth saying "before Abraham was, I am."

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for revealing yourself to us. For you are holy, you are loving, you are glorious, you are God. You are everything that is good; you always have been and you always will be. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever; therefore you are "I AM." Help us to behold the majesty of who you are. And help us to see you in the face of Jesus Christ, who is the radiance of your glory and the exact imprint of your nature. Help us to know you through Him. Amen.

MONDAY | DAY 2

READ: EZEKIEL 34:1-12 + JOHN 10:1-21

MEDITATE ON:

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out."

EZEKIEL 34:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:11

DISCUSS THIS:

What does Jesus mean when He says "I am the good shepherd?" In what ways does a relationship between a shepherd and his sheep depict God's relationship with us? (For further study see: Psalm 23 and Isaiah 53:6)

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus; my Lord and my Good Shepherd. Even though I went astray like a foolish sheep, Jesus came after me, He laid His life down for me, He bore your wrath that was meant for me, He revived my soul, and He has made me righteous for His name's sake! Help me to not want anything other than to follow Him so that I can dwell in your presence forever. Amen.



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TUESDAY | DAY 3

READ: JOHN 11:17-44

MEDITATE ON:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

V25-26

DISCUSS THIS:

What does Jesus mean when He says "I am the resurrection and the life?" Why is belief in the resurrection power of Jesus significant to the Christian faith? (For further study see Daniel 12:2; 1 Corinthians 15 (especially v17-19); and 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, forgive us. For we know that the reason death exists is because we have loved our life destroying sin more than we have loved you. Thank you for Jesus, who is our only hope for the resurrection of our souls, and our only hope for everlasting life. Thank you for raising Him from the dead so that we can be raised with Him. Help us to believe in Him. Help us to love Him. Help us to live for Him so that we can live with you for all of eternity. Amen.

WEDNESDAY | DAY 4

READ: JOHN 14:1-14 + LEVITICUS 16:1-6

MEDITATE ON:

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

JOHN 14:6

"The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died."

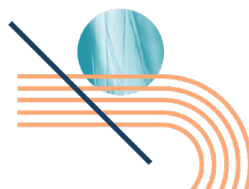
LEVITICUS 16:1

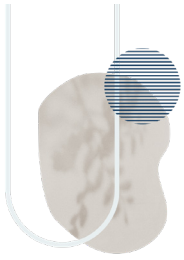
DISCUSS THIS:

What does Jesus mean when He says "I am the way, no one comes to the Father except through me?" Why is it impossible to come into the presence of the Lord apart from Jesus? In what ways should Leviticus 16 impact the way you approach God through prayer?

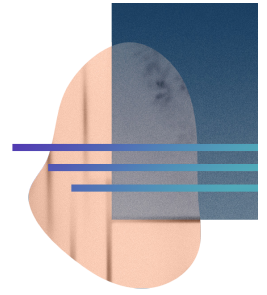
PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, forgive us for flippantly waltzing into your holy presence. Help us to see you and see ourselves more truly, that we might tremble in your presence. Thank you for Jesus, who has made a way for us to dwell in the presence of the Creator God of the universe. Forgive us for forsaking such a privilege far too often. Help us to believe the truth you have revealed to us through Jesus, help us to follow Him in the way He has provided through the cross, and help us to trust Him for life, so that we can come to you for all of eternity. Amen.





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THURSDAY | DAY 5

READ: JOHN 15:1-17

MEDITATE ON:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

V5

DISCUSS THIS:

What does Jesus mean when He says "I am the vine?" What type of spiritual fruit does abiding in Christ produce? What are some things you can do to abide in Christ this week?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, help us to abide in Christ. Help us to see that apart from Him we can do nothing of eternal significance. Fill our hearts with your Word so that our lives might overflow with love for you and love for others. Help us to do all of these things so that we can bear much Kingdom fruit for your glory. And help the world know that you are Love by the way we love each other. Amen.

FRIDAY | DAY 6

READ: JOHN 6:26-51

MEDITATE ON:

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

V35

DISCUSS THIS:

The crowds were seeking Jesus because He just fed the 5000. But Jesus wants us to seek Him because of what He can provide for us spiritually, not just physically. Why do you seek Jesus? What kind of "bread" do you ask for in your prayers? (For further study see: Exodus 16:12-15; Isaiah 55:1-3; Luke 22:14-23).

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, help us to hunger for Jesus even more than we hunger for physical things. Help us to believe in Him, that our souls may live. Help us to forsake that which does not satisfy. Thank you for sending Him down from heaven. Thank you for breaking His body on the cross. Help us to trust in His flesh and not our own so that we can live for all of eternity. Amen.

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SATURDAY | DAY 7

READ: JOHN 8:12 + JOHN 9:1-7 + JOHN 1:1-18

MEDITATE ON:

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

JOHN 1:18

DISCUSS THIS:

Just like it is impossible to see anything without light, it is impossible to see God without Jesus. How does Jesus help you see who God is? What light has He provided?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus, who is your Word, the radiance of your glory, the exact imprint of your nature, in whom your fullness is pleased to dwell. Open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things from your law, so that we can see you through Him. Forgive us for allowing our eyes to look at worthless things that blind us from seeing your glory. Help us to be pure in heart and totally devoted to you so that we can see you face to face for all of eternity. Amen.

