

EMBRACING YOUR COMPLETE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Dear Friend,

We are so glad you are here! Life pulls us in so many different directions, so we are thankful you are choosing to accompany us on a journey through the Gospel of John to encounter Jesus and the transformation He offers through His life-giving words.

Over the next seven weeks, we will study each of Jesus' I Am statements found throughout John. We will discover each one is both an echo and extended display of God's original I Am statement to Moses in Exodus 3:14.

As John 1:14 tells us, when the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, Jesus not only showed us God's goodness and glory, but He showed us how to live a life transformed by His power, death, and resurrection.

Over the next seven weeks, as you encounter Jesus as the bread, light, door, shepherd, resurrection, truth, and vine, may every ache in your heart be satisfied and every question about who Jesus is and the life that He offers answered.

We are praying for you as you start your journey and look forward to hearing how you encounter transformation along the way.

With you in the journey, Christi Smith, Kelly Wilkin, Susannah Baker, & the Women's Ministry of Houston's First Baptist Church

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

We are so thankful you have set aside time to encounter Jesus together through His Word!

This seven-session Bible study will help you:

- Understand who Jesus is and the claims He makes throughout the Gospel of John
- Shift from living apart from His presence to transformed dependence on Him

This packet includes:

- · A link each week to a video teaching
- An outline to fill in as you listen
- Questions at the bottom of each outline to answer

Make sure you have access to a Bible so you can read along with the Scripture passages. There are lots of different Bible translations out there, so we recommend using the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), English Standard Version (ESV), or New International Version (NIV). If you don't have a printed copy of a Bible, you can find the Scriptures online at www.biblegateway.com or on the Bible app.

Each week before you start, **pray**, and ask God to show you who He is through His word. Then go to the link to **watch** that week's teaching, **fill in your outline** as you listen, and take time to think about and **answer the questions** at the bottom of each outline either individually or as a group. You will need approximately **60-90 minutes** to complete each week's session.

To prepare for the following week's session, consider reading the Scripture passage under the **Homework Section** in your outline.

Once you have completed the seven-week study, think about someone else you can share it with who needs to know about life-giving transformation Jesus gives!

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

This discussion guide includes prompts on how to interact with this study as a group. You will need approximately **60 to 90 minutes** to complete each week's group session depending on if you watch the teaching video together or beforehand separately.

Each week you will:

Welcome and Pray (5 minutes)

• Welcome everyone and then pray, asking God to help each person build her life on the truth, goodness, beauty, and grace found in His Word and in relationship with Jesus Christ. Ask for His Spirit to move, speak, restore, and transform hearts through today's time of teaching and discussion.

Watch the Video (50-60 minutes)

- Use the provided link to watch the teaching video together as a group through the YouTube app. Each teaching is approximately 50-60 minutes in length.
- As you listen, you can fill in the blanks on the outline provided for each session. Links are also provided in the slides shown in the video along with copies of the Leader's Guide with the blanks already filled in.
- Note: if your group is under a tight time constraint or only has an hour to meet, consider everyone watching the video beforehand and then using your group time to discuss the teaching and pray together. If you choose to go this route, after Welcome and Prayer, start by reading this week's Scripture passage and I Am statement on the outline and then head to the Discussion Questions.

Discuss (20-30 minutes)

- Review your outline from this week's video and then lead your group through answering the following questions:
 - What is Jesus offering, for now and the future?
 - How do we seek this apart from Him?
 - When was a time you did this, or how are you doing this now?
 - How would your life look different if you began to seek these things in Jesus?
- What are one or two ways you can start to do this now?
 (These questions are also found at the bottom of each week's outline.)

Pray (5-10 minutes)

- If time allows, ask each group member to share one specific way the group can pray for encouragement or strength in the journey towards a transformed life and gaining a greater understanding of who Jesus is and the life He provides. While there are many things group members could pray about each week, please keep prayer requests limited to one per participant that pertains to his or her personal journey of transformation. This will enable everyone to have time to share and remain focused on the topic of the study.
- Close by praying the words of this week's I Am statement over your group, asking the Lord to provide bread for daily needs, light for darkness, protection from enemies, comfort and salvation for hearts, gardens for graves, direction for steps, and fruit for any and all barren places. Remind your group that whatever life or transformation we are seeking can be found in abundance through Jesus.

Homework (1 minute)

• Remind your group to read next week's passage in preparation for your time together.

We can't wait to hear how God continues to transform people through His Spirit and your willingness to share His Word with a world in need. We are cheering you on every step of the way!

LESSON 1

LESSON 1 SLIDES

LESSON 1 VIDEO

HANDOUT WITH BLANKS

HANDOUT WITH ANSWERS

LESSON 2

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ALL SLIDES AND HANDOUTS



VIDEOS

