

THE GREAT I AM

THE EIGHT / AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Dr. Jim Newheiser preached the sermon: “God’s Good Design for Marriage,” from Genesis 2:18-24. We considered God’s design of leaving, cleaving, and becoming one flesh in marriage. Ultimately, this good design points the watching world to the glory of God in the gospel of Jesus Christ, as the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman reveals what Christ’s covenant relationship with his church is like.

Read: John 14:1-12

This Sunday, Pastor Jeremy Chasteen will continue our *I Am* series, with a sermon from John 14:1-12. Here, Jesus tells his disciples: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). In a world that is ravaged with sin, brokenness, and uncertainty, we must take heart in the certain hope of Christ’s return to take us to be with him where he is forever. He himself is the way to the hope of eternal, unhindered relationship with our Heavenly Father. As you prepare your heart for our Sunday gathering, let this devotional from Milton Vincent encourage you further with our certain hope of heaven.

Reflect: “Hope of Heaven”

The more I experience the riches of Christ in the gospel, the more there develops within me a yearning to be with Christ in heaven where I will experience His grace in unhindered fullness (Philippians 1:23; 1 Peter 1:13). The reason for this yearning is simple: however great may be the present blessings of salvation, they are but the “first fruits of the Spirit,” the first installments of an unimaginably great harvest of glory which I will reap forever in heaven (Romans 8:23).

The Apostle Paul could not rehearse gospel blessings in Romans 5-8 without being reminded of his anxious longing for the future glories awaiting believers in heaven (Romans 8:18-23). Likewise, the Apostle John could not speak of his and his readers’ status as children of God without also relishing the beautification they will experience at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 John 3:1-2). Neither will I be able to think long upon gospel blessings without thinking also of the infinite glories which will be mine to enjoy in heaven.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Such a gospel-generated heavenward focus yields enormous benefits to me while on earth. The mere hope of seeing Christ in glory releases the purifying influence of heaven upon my life from day to day (1 John 3:3). Also, knowing of the future love that God will show me in glory enables me to love my fellow-saints with a heaven-inspired love even now (Colossians 1:4-5). I love others out of the fullness already given to me in Christ, and also out of the greater fullness that will be given to me in glory!

Hope of eternity with Christ in heaven also enables my heart to thrive during the most difficult and lengthy of trials here on earth. When looking at the sheer weight of unseen glories to come, my troubles seem light by comparison; and when looking at the staggering length of eternity, my troubles seem fleeting by comparison (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). It is only against the backdrop of a glorious eternity that my circumstances can be seen in such a manner; and the promise of this glorious eternity is part and parcel of the gospel itself (Colossians 1:5).

Preaching the gospel to myself every day is a great way to keep myself established in “the hope of the gospel (Colossians 1:23),” so that I might experience the practical benefits that such hope is intended to bring me here on earth.

“Hope of Heaven,” in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Glorious Day (Living He Loves Me),” by Casting Crowns
2. “Jesus Paid It All,” Arr. Passion
3. “Let Your Kingdom Come,” by Sovereign Grace Music

SONG LYRICS

"GLORIOUS DAY (LIVING HE LOVES ME)"

Casting Crowns

(Verse 1)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

(Chorus)

Living He loved me dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day

(Verse 2)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

(Verse 3)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

(Bridge)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

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SONG LYRICS

"JESUS PAID IT ALL"

Passion Arrangement

(Verse 1)

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

(Chorus 1)

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

(Verse 2)

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

(Verse 3)

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

(Interlude)

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

(Chorus 2)

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Jesus

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SONG LYRICS

"LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

Sovereign Grace Music

(Verse 1)

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

(Chorus)

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know
Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

(Verse 2)

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

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SERMON NOTES

I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

John 14:1-12

John 14:6

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

Big Idea: Jesus prepares and reveals the way to the Father.

1. Jesus prepares the way (John 14:1-4)

John 14:1-4

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to where I am going.”

John 20:31

“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

a. There are many rooms in the Father's house for those who believe

John 14:2a

“In my Father's house are many rooms.”

b. Jesus prepares a place for those who believe

John 14:2b-3a

“If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you,”

c. Jesus will return to bring home those who believe

John 14:3-4

“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. And you know the way to where I am going.”

SERMON NOTES

I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

John 14:1-12

2. Jesus reveals the way (John 14:5-12)

a. Through Himself

John 14:5-6

“Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

i. Believing in Jesus is the only way to the Father

John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 17:3

“And this is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

ii. Believing in Jesus is knowing the Father

John 14:7-9

“If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”

b. Through His words

John 14:10

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.”

SERMON NOTES

I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

John 14:1-12

c. Through His works

John 14:11

“Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”

d. Through our works

John 14:12

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

John 16:7

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Benediction:

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

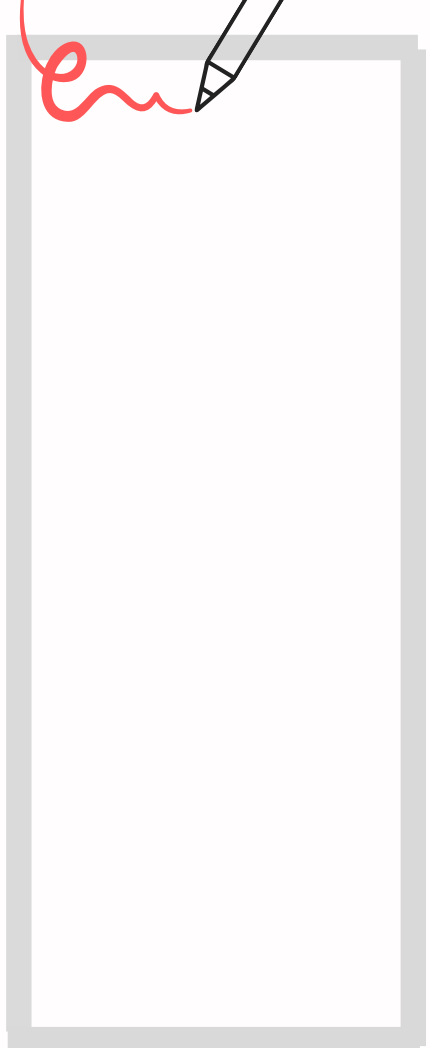


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Put to death “being troubled” by believing Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

DISCUSS

- Today, what are prominent sources of anxiety and being “troubled of heart?”
- Read John 14:1-12. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week’s message and passage?
- What concerned the apostles in this passage?
- What promises does Jesus make about heaven? How do these promises impact you?
- Describe Thomas and Philip’s requests of Jesus? How does Jesus respond?
- What are the “greater works” Jesus disciples will do? What are some steps of faith you can take this week to 1) share the gospel 2) leverage time and energy to serve Christ?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. If using Zoom, you may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you toward this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is one prayer request you have for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

JESUS, THE WAY

This week, we'll consider again Jesus's statement "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," and study related passages on this theme throughout the Scriptures.

READ: John 14:1-12

- What has Jesus gone to do?
- What does this passage say about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?
- What is presently troubling your heart? How are you responding? How can believing Jesus' words in this passage comfort you today?
- Knowing the words of Christ are true, how does this passage spur us to share Christ with others?

PRAY

- Ask the Lord to show you genuine truth through His word and to help you know the difference between the Way of Jesus and the way of the world.
- Pray for one person that does not know Jesus as the Way. Ask God to use you to share the gospel with them this week.

SING: "The Way (New Horizon)," by Pat Barrett

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTQ_tOGKY6o)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

THE ONLY WAY

Peter declares an essential truth: Jesus is the only way by which we may be saved. Just as Jesus said He is “the way, the truth, and the life,” in this text we see highlighted both the exclusivity of Christ in salvation and God’s ultimate authority over everything through Him. Like Peter, we hold to this truth with great confidence and joyful expectation as we speak boldly and serve under His authority.

READ: Acts 4:8-12

- What situation has set up the events of this text? (see Acts 3)
- To what does Peter attribute the renewed health of the crippled man? How does he build on this to make a statement about salvation?
- Speaking to the Sanhedrin, Peter said, “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (v. 12) How do you think his faith in Jesus affected his message to the rulers and elders?
- How does Christ being the only way we may be saved guide the way you live today? Who do you know that needs to hear this truth today?

PRAY

- Praise the Lord for the great confidence we may have in knowing that Christ was raised from the dead and with Him, all who believe in Him too shall be raised.
- Pray for greater dependence and trust in the Lord’s goodness and greatness even in the midst of difficult circumstances, as Peter and John experienced in their arrest and persecution.
- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share this good news with others.

SING: “The Lord is My Salvation,” by Keith & Kristyn Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyLL04p0ms8>)

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

JESUS REVEALS THE FATHER'S GLORY

Moses makes a bold request that God would show Moses His glory. God in His grace and mercy agrees to pass by Moses, allowing him to see a part of His goodness and glory. When Jesus came, he revealed the glory of God in fullness to those who would follow Him. Moses' witness of seeing God's glory partially was a shadow of the privilege God's people would have through Jesus, who made a way for us to see the fullness of God in and through Jesus.

READ: Exodus 33:18-23

- Why would Moses desire for God to show him His glory? What do you find as glorious?
- What are some similarities and differences between God's answers to Moses's requests (vv. 18-20) and Jesus's answers to Philip's requests in John 14:8-11?
- Why are we not able to see the face of God and live (v. 20)?
- In what ways are we able to see God and His glory now? When will we one day see God fully, face-to-face? Do you desire with deep longing to see and know God?

PRAY

- Pray for God to help you see His glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Ask for Him to help you know Him more intimately and to understand Him more fully for who He is.
- Pray for those you are connected with who can't see God and don't know Him. Ask God to reveal His glory to them through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

SING: "'Holy, Holy, Holy,'" by Audrey Assad

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

OVERCOMING AN ANXIOUS HEART

David begins this Psalm reminding us of God's guiding presence and security in the face of severe threats. David then pleads that God would not abandon him and asks for instruction and God's protection. David's circumstances have caused his emotions to fluctuate, but he concludes this psalm in faith by claiming God's goodness and hoping for God's deliverance.

READ: Psalm 27:13-14

- What does David believe will happen to him in verse 13? What past event encourages him to believe this (verse 2)? What does he desire to strengthen his belief (verse 4)?
- What does he tell himself in verse 14? How are these opposite of an anxious heart?
- These verses provide a great picture of "strengthening ourselves in God" (see 1 Samuel 30:6). Which part of this passage comes most naturally to you in difficult times? Which part is the most difficult? What is one thing that can help you "wait for the Lord"?

PRAY

- Thank God that he can deliver us from all difficult times and that He is always with His people regardless of the circumstances.
- Ask for help to wait for the Lord in difficult times. Also ask for courage to quickly turn and strengthen yourself in the Lord rather than be weakened by dwelling on the trials.

SING: "O Love That Will Not Let Me God," by Indelible Grace

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KS3o_160OhE&list=PL3hrwYtIVyeoGOgxClRG8AkeXVGWEWyEt)

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DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

ABIDE IN JESUS

This Sunday we turn to the final “I Am” statement in John’s gospel - “I am the vine” (John 15:1, 5). We will discover that we can only have spiritual vitality and bear fruit as we abide in Jesus.

READ: John 15:5

- In this metaphor, what does Jesus compare himself to? His disciples?
- How do Jesus’s disciples bear much fruit? What are practical steps you can take to do this?
- What do you think is the “fruit” we are called to bear?
- What sort of spiritual and eternally-valuable fruit can you bear apart from Jesus? When are you most tempted to not abide in Jesus but live on your own strength?

PRAY

- Thank Jesus for the hope of being united to him by His grace through faith.
- Pray for grace to take the steps you need to take to closely abide in Jesus and bear more spiritual and eternally lasting fruit.

SING: ““Abide With Me,” by Audrey Assad

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84YASWe3_2Q)