# THE GREAT I AM

THE EIGHT I 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, Ryan Heard preached from John 6:22-59, where Jesus proclaims, "I am the Bread of Life, whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). We considered the truth that Jesus gives eternal life and satisfaction to all who believe in him.

### Read: John 10:1-10

This Sunday, Pastor Ken will preach from John 10:1-10, where Jesus states, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:9-10). There are no doubt many voices that promise us safety, provision, and blessing, but there is only one who has secured and fulfilled these promises once and for all and has given us eternal, abundant life: Jesus Christ. As you prepare your heart for Sunday worship, let this devotional from John Piper encourage you further with this glorious truth.

### Reflect: "The Door to Abundant Life"

Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers [there have been many who claimed to give what only I can give], but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. – John 10:7-10

Jesus is saying the same thing he will say in John 14:6: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." I am the door. If you believe in me, and trust me to be the only path to God, I promise you two things (John 10:9): You will be saved; and you will go in and out and find pasture.

Particularly, you are saved from wolves and thieves that come to kill and destroy (John 10:10). Safe from every enemy that would destroy you. Enter by me and you will be forever safe. Saved.



# **PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

But none of us wants to be merely safe. We were not created merely to be safe. The human heart wants infinitely more than safety. Oh yes, safety is basic and necessary. We want to be protected from what can destroy us. We want life. Life. But we want more than mere life. We want abundant life. Overflowing life. Deep life. Weighty life. Joyful life. We don't just want to survive. We want to thrive at every level of our human being. We were made for this.

And so Jesus says more: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved [yes, and more, so much more] and will go in and out and find pasture." The point of saying this is that the sheepfold itself represents safety and protection. But sheep don't want to stay there. In fact, they will die if they stay in the safety of the fold. They want green pastures and still waters.

And I think that when Jesus says in verse 10, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly," he means, "I came that they might be saved and go out and come and find pasture" — protection and plenty, solid safety and deep soul satisfaction. Abundant life is not about having stuff. It's about having peace, having joy, having God.

Excerpt from the sermon, "My Abandoned Life for Your Abundant Life," by John Piper, August 6, 2011.

#### Sing: Song List for Sunday

- 1. "God Is Able," by Hillsong Worship
- 2. "In Christ Alone," Arr. Passion
- 3. "Yes, I Will," by Vertical Worship





(Verse 1) God is able He will never fail He is Almighty God Greater than all we seek Greater than all we ask He has done great things

#### (Chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave Raised to life our God is able In His Name we overcome For the Lord our God is able

(Verse 2) God is with us God is on our side He will make a way Far above all we know Far above all we hope He has done great things

(Bridge) God is with us He will go before He will never leave us He will never leave us God is for us He has open arms He will never fail us He will never fail us

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### SONG LYRICS "IN CHRIST ALONE" Passion Arrangement

#### (Verse 1)

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

(Verse 2)In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save' Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

#### (Verse 3)

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

#### (Verse 4)

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand 'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand Oh oh, oh oh I'll stand, oh oh, oh oh

#### (Bridge)

I find my strength, I find my hope I find my help in Christ alone When fear assails, when darkness falls I find my peace in Christ alone I give my life, I give my all I sing this song to Christ alone The King of Kings, the Lord of all All heaven sings to Christ alone

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#### Verse

I count on one thing The same God that never fails Will not fail me now You won't fail me now In the waiting The same God who's never late Is working all things out You're working all things out

Chorus Yes I will lift You high

In the lowest valley Yes I will bless Your name Yes I will sing for joy When my heart is heavy All my days yes I will

Bridge I choose to praise To glorify glorify The name of all names That nothing can stand against

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### Big Idea: Jesus reveals that he is the true shepherd and the door of the sheep.

**SERMON NOTES** 

I AM THE DOOR John 10:1-10

1. Jesus is the true shepherd (10:1-6).

a. Jesus is the promised shepherd of Israel (vv. 1-2, 10a).

i. The religious leaders were false shepherds (v. 1).

[1] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

ii. Jesus was the true shepherd from God (vv. 2).

[2] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

#### Ezekiel 34:23-24

[23] And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

#### b. Jesus faithfully shepherds his sheep (vv. 3-5).

i. He knows his sheep by name (vv. 3, 14).

[3] To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

ii. His leads his sheep and they follow him (vv. 4, 27).

[4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

iii. His sheep will not follow strangers (vv. 5, 8).

[5] A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

[8] All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

How do you know that you are one of Jesus' sheep?

How do you guard your heart against false teaching?



#### 2. Jesus is the door of the sheep (10:7-10).

#### a. He is the way to salvation (v. 7).

[7] So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

**SERMON NOTES** 

I AM THE DOOR

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

#### b. He provides abundant life (vv. 9-10).

[9] I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

#### Three truths about abundant life:

i. The abundant life can only be found in Christ (v. 9).

[9] I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

• Jesus saves us from sin - "he will be saved"

#### John 6:37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

- Jesus liberates us from fear "and will go in and out"
- Jesus provides us with spiritual nourishment "and find pasture"

#### Psalm 23:1-3

[1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. [3] He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

ii. The abandoned life is the abundant life.

#### Matthew 10:38–39

[38] And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39] Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

iii. The abundant life includes suffering.

#### Hebrews 12:11

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.



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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. Live the abundant life without fear knowing Jesus is the true shepherd and the door of the sheep.

### DISCUSS

- In your life, who has the most recognizable voice? How do you feel when you hear that voice?
- Read John 10:1-10. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does a shepherd do for his sheep? How close are the sheep and shepherd?
- Why is it important for the sheep to know the voice of the shepherd? What can happen when the sheep do not recognize the voice of the shepherd?
- How do believers grow in their recognition of the shepherd-King's voice? How could you grow in recognizing Jesus' voice?
- What does Jesus call the one who does not use the door to enter the sheepfold? What kind of person is Jesus describing?
- Who is the one who enters through the door of the sheepfold? What are the characteristics of the one who enters through the door? (vv. 3-5)
- How does Jesus' explanation of the "door" reflect the uniqueness of Christianity compared to other worldviews? In light of Jesus being the door, what unique hope does Christianity offer?
- How would you describe the abundant life that Jesus references in v. 10? How can you experience this abundant life in Christ as a greater daily reality?

### 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?



### MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

### THE VOICE OF THE TRUE SHEPHERD

A shepherd's voice is one of their greatest tools. They use it to herd their sheep, to guard them from evil, and to provide nurturing care to each one in their fold. This text shows Jesus as the true shepherd who knows His sheep and guides & protects them by His voice. In a world where there are many voices vying for prominence and influence, believers must ultimately be trained by and respond to Jesus' voice.

### READ: John 10:1-10

- How does Jesus describe the shepherd's actions among the sheep? How does He describe the sheep's response to the shepherd? How is their response to the shepherd different from their response to a stranger? (vv. 3-5, 8)
- Biblical language often refers to Jesus as the shepherd and believers as sheep.
  From this text, what happens when the sheep listen to the shepherd's voice? (v. 9b, 10b)
- How can we discern the difference between Jesus' voice and the voice of others?
- What are some ways Jesus' voice has led you in the past? What other voices are you tempted to follow? How can you grow in responding to His voice today?

### PRAY

- Express gratitude to the Lord for His persistent and tender care for the sheep as the true shepherd.
- Confess any ways you have not followed Jesus' voice–ways you have been disobedient to His commands and leading. Plead for mercy and ask for grace to do as God has instructed in His Word (see Psalm 19; Luke 6:46-49, 11:28; James 1:22-25 for scriptural guidance).

SING: "Speak, O Lord," by Keith & Kristyn Getty (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my90e3a\_nIM)



### **TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020**

### THE SHEPHERD EQUIPS HIS SHEEP

The book of Hebrews encourages Christians to persevere in the face of threats and punishments due to their faith. As the letter concludes with exhortations about submitting and praying for leaders, the author here focuses on the Christians ultimate leader: the great shepherd Jesus Christ. This the shepherd will see believers through all their difficult times and deliver them to their ultimate heavenly home.

### READ: Hebrews 13:20-21

- What is mentioned about God the Father in these verses? What is mentioned about Jesus?
- The shepherd here equips His sheep. What does He equip HIs sheep to do?
- How does this passage encourage you to remain faithful to Christ during difficult trials?

### PRAY

- Praise God for His power to raise Jesus from the dead and to give us new life in Christ.
- Ask God to equip and work in you to live in ways that please Him despite difficult circumstances.

SING: "You Never Let Go," by Matt Redman (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM14VZVu0og)



### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

### A GREATER SHEPHERD FOR US

Isaiah prophesied against the shepherds (religious rulers) of Israel by condemning them for their mistreatment of their sheep (God's people). As a result, God intervenes to restore the sheep by reversing the harm which was done against them. Ultimately, God acts by promising to establish the one, true shepherd over his people, the promised servant of David, who will never fail them.

### READ: Ezekiel 34:1-16, 22-24

- How were the shepherds treating the sheep? What happened to the sheep as a result (vv. 2-10)?
- List the ways God promises to restore His sheep (vv. 11-16)?
- How is Jesus God's fulfillment of the promise to establish "the one shepherd?"
- How is Jesus the greatest shepherd (vv. 22-24)?

### PRAY

- Thank God for rescuing you and for the numerous ways He shows His love for you.
- Pray for one person you could share this joyous good news of God's love with.
  Pray for them to accept Jesus as Lord and to become one of His precious sheep.

SING: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us," by Austin Stone Worship (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZSirSqpM54)



### THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's providence, protection, and provision are highlighted in this text as David recounts the Shepherd's intimate action of shepherding care toward him. David's threefold testimony of "I shall not want" (v. 1), "I will fear no evil" (v. 4), and "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (v. 6) is something believers today can take great confidence in. We can worship God today knowing that His 'goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.'

### READ: Psalm 23

- What do you think the role of a shepherd is? What have you read in Scripture this week that tells you about God as a shepherd?
- Make a list of the "He" statements in this passage. How are these statements of the Good Shepherd similar to John 10?
- What does this passage say about man's response to evil in light of knowing the Good Shepherd? Is this how you usually respond?
- What is the difference between "goodness" and "mercy?" How do you see that in this passage? Look up these words in a dictionary or Bible concordance to learn more.

### PRAY

- Pray that your heart will daily surrender to the Lord as shepherd.
- Celebrate and thank the Lord for providing comfort. Thank him for a time when you were led to still waters or your soul was restored or refreshed by the Shepherd.
- Pray for one person who you could tell about Jesus the Good Shepherd this week.

SINC: "Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)," by Shane & Shane (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\_k15cY26-o)



### FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

### JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

This section of John's gospel comes right on the heels of the Jewish "Feast of Tabernacle". This feast was to help the Jews commemorate God's provision and care for them while they were wandering in the wilderness. During the temple's existence, the Jews would light a giant candelabra that would illuminate the Temple and the town below. As Jesus stood teaching in the temple perhaps these candles helped him illustrate that he was the Light of the World and nothing could snuff him out.

### READ: John 8:12-30

- Why do you think Jesus refers to himself as "the light of the world"?
- What does he say we gain by following him (vs. 12)?
- Who was Jesus talking to? How do they illustrate walking in darkness?
- What is the consequence of walking in darkness (vs. 24)?
- What was Jesus alluding to in verse 28?

### PRAY

- Celebrate that the light of Christ has come to keep you from walking in darkness.
- Pray for those you know who are currently walking in darkness and are in need of the illuminating work of Jesus in their lives.

SING: "Here I Am to Worship," by Tim Hughes (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\_KNvkk2G-Y)



### THIS WEEKEND, JUNE 27-28, 2020

This weekend, continue reading John 6:22-59 alongside the "Prepare for Worship" article in preparation for Sunday's worship service. Consider the following questions as you read.

- What encourages you in this passage?
- What new thoughts stand out to you in this passage?

