

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, Pastor Ken began our summer series: The Great I Am: The Eight I Am Statements of Jesus. We considered John 8:48-59, where Jesus reveals that he is in fact the God of the universe—the Great I Am—and that whoever keeps his word will never see death. We learned that those who Jesus saves abide in his Word, experience victory over sin, love Jesus, and have hope of eternal life.

Read: John 6:22-59

This Sunday, Ryan Heard will preach 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 will consider the truth that Jesus gives eternal life and satisfaction to all who believe in him. As you prepare for Sunday worship, let this devotional from John Piper direct you to drink deeply from the all-satisfying water of Jesus Christ.

Reflect: “Forever Satisfied”

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.” (John 6:35)

This text points to the fact that believing in Jesus is a feeding and drinking from all that Jesus is. It goes so far as to say that our soul-thirst is satisfied with Jesus, so that we don’t thirst anymore.

He is the end of our quest for satisfaction. There is nothing beyond, and nothing better.

When we trust Jesus the way John intends for us to, the presence and promise of Jesus is so satisfying that we are not dominated by the alluring pleasures of sin (see Romans 6:14). This accounts for why such faith in Jesus nullifies the power of sin and enables obedience.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

John 4:14 points in the same direction: “Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” In accord with John 6:35, saving faith is spoken of here as a drinking of water that satisfies the deepest longings of the soul. And the satisfaction becomes productive, like a well overflowing. It’s the same in John 7:37–38: “Jesus stood up and cried out, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.””’”

Through faith, Christ becomes in us an inexhaustible fountain of satisfying life that lasts forever and leads us to heaven, and on the way sets us free from the sinful illusions of other satisfactions. This he does by sending us his Spirit (John 7:38–39).

“Forever Satisfied,” March 25 Devotional, by John Piper, www.desiringgod.org

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “This I Believe,” Arr. Shane & Shane
2. “We Hunger and Thirst,” by Sovereign Grace Music
3. “Lord, I Need You,” Arr. Shane & Shane

SONG LYRICS

"THIS I BELIEVE"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

(Chorus 2)

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

(Chorus 1)

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

(Verse 2)

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

(Bridge)

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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SONG LYRICS

"WE HUNGER AND THIRST" Sovereign Grace Music

(Verse 1)

Exalted Son of
glory humbly came down
Wounded for the
broken bore the sinner's crown
Through the
willing death You died
You became our
bread of life

(Bridge)

The cup we
drink the bread we eat
Reminds us You
are all we need
And makes us
long for Your wedding feast

(Chorus)

Jesus we hunger
and thirst for You Lord
As we remember
Your sacrifice
We see the
wounds from Your hands and pierced side
Extravagant
love oh how great the price
Now our lives
are Yours

(Verse 2)

The priceless
blood of Jesus this gracious cup
A life spring
overflowing poured out for us
He has
conquered ev'ry sin
For the ones
who trust in Him

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SONG LYRICS

"LORD, I NEED YOU"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

(Chorus 1)

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

(Verse 2)

Where sin runs deep Your grace is
more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(Bridge)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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SERMON NOTES

JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM

John 6:22-59

Big Idea: Jesus is the bread of life. He gives eternal life and satisfaction to all who believe in him.

1) See your need for the bread of life (vv. 25-34).

"What they did was fixate on the product of the miracle, not the person of the miracle. And so the sign ceased to be a sign for them. And Jesus said, "You are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." They were excited about bread as their pleasure, not Christ as their Treasure." – John Piper

For further study on Moses and the manna from Heaven in Exodus 16, see the Daily Worship Guide (Wednesday) here in the Weekly Worship Tools.

"Sir, give us this bread always." Is this your heart's cry? Have you tried to fill your longings with the things of this world only to find they don't satisfy? Do you see that you need the one sent from heaven to bring true life? That you need the bread that endures to eternal life?

2) Believe that Jesus is the bread of life (vv. 35-59).

His glorious promises:

- He satisfies (v. 35, 55)

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world." – C.S. Lewis

- He will never cast us out (v. 37)
- He will never lose us (vv. 39-40, 44,)
- We will live forever with him (v. 27, 39-40, 44, 47, 50-51, 54, 57, 58)

How would he do this? By giving the bread of his flesh (v. 51)

Do you grumble in unbelief or rejoice in belief?

SERMON NOTES

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John 6:22-59

3) Come and feast on the bread of life (vv. 35-59).

To those who don't follow Christ: Is the Father drawing you to believe in Christ as the bread of life? Believe!

To those who follow Christ: Jesus is always inviting us to come and feast on the bread of life. Abide!

Psalm 34:8-10

[8] Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

[9] Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! [10] The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

To Crosspoint Church: Let's display the reality that Jesus is the bread of life and gives eternal life and satisfaction to all who believe in him by our love, joy, and unity. And let's declare to this starving world that Jesus is the answer and invite them to come feast on the bread of 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
doodles**

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Jesus gives eternal life and satisfaction to all who believe in him.

DISCUSS

- What is your favorite kind of bread/roll to accompany supper?
- Read John 6:22-59. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What is the "work of God" Jesus commands of us? (see v. 29)
- What does this passage reveal about the will of God? About God's power to accomplish His will, even in salvation? [Jesus gathers all whom the Father gives to Him] What promises does Jesus make concerning salvation? ["I won't lose you," "I will satisfy you," "I will raise you up on the last day"]
- Christians sometimes have difficulty piecing together the truth of God's sovereignty in salvation with the necessary, willful response to the gospel. How does this paragraph show both are true? [Jesus promises to receive everyone who comes to him and trusts him for salvation and He secures our salvation (vv. 37, 39). Yet, a few verses later (v. 44) Jesus states the corresponding truth that once people come to Jesus, they will realize that behind their willing decision to come and believe lies the mysterious, invisible work of the Father who all along was drawing them to Christ. (cf Rom. 9, Eph 1:3-6)]
- What promises does Jesus make concerning salvation? ["I won't lose you" "I will satisfy you" "I will raise you up on the last day"] Where in this passage do you see Jesus' promise to believers of greater satisfaction in Him than anything the world may offer?
- What things other than Christ do you find yourself running to for satisfaction? Of what do you need to repent?
- How are we tempted to seek satisfaction in the "bread" of the world? How may we strive to desire God Himself more than His blessings to us?
- How does seeing Christ as our greatest need help us understand the temporal needs and desires of this world rightly? Read vv. 47-51 again. What encouragement do you receive from Jesus's promise of generous provision for you? (see Matt. 6:32-33, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Psalm 37:4 for further study)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

JESUS, THE SUSTAINER OF LIFE

Just as God provided manna for the Israelites in the wilderness, Jesus provided bread to feed 5,000 (see John 6:5-12). But Jesus explained that even greater than providing food that perishes, His great work was to do the will of God (vv. 35-40) and provide food that endures to eternal life (v. 27, 50). He accomplished this great work, and in doing so, Jesus Himself says that “everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life,” that He “will raise him up on the last day.” Truly, Jesus is the giver and sustainer of life beyond simply the human needs of bread and water.

READ: John 6:22-59 (cf. John 4:13-14)

- As sinners, we often love God’s gifts more than God Himself. What example of this do you see in today’s passage?
- In v. 49, who is Jesus referring to?
- How is Jesus like the manna God gave the Israelites in the wilderness? How is He better than the manna?
- What main act of obedience does Jesus command of us in this passage? Have you done this?

PRAY

- Praise God that He is unchanging and faithful. The same promises He made in the Old Testament remain unchanging today.
- Ask God for grace to obey Jesus by eating & being satisfied in Him (through repentance and faith).

SING: “Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah”

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

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

HUNGER NO MORE

In John 6, Jesus promises that all who trust Him as savior will be satisfied. We find his promises fulfilled with an “already-not yet” understanding. We find satisfaction in Him (“already”), yet still long for the final consummation of his promises (“not yet”). One day, all Jesus’ redeemed will enjoy perfect satisfaction in the fullness of his presence.

READ: Revelation 7:13-17

- What differences most stand out when you compare our present experience in this fallen world with the future fulfillment of salvation we read about?
- Who is the “Lamb” in v. 17? What will he do?
- How does this future vision of complete salvation help you when you consider your current needs, longings, and hope?

PRAY

- Praise the Lamb who cleanses us from sin. Ask for faith to remember our future glory with Jesus when you face trials and discouragement.

SING: “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood,” from Together For the Gospel (Live)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsBE2nt3zLo>)

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

THE BREAD FROM THE FAITHFUL LORD

This event occurred soon after God rescued the nation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. God had already repeatedly shown His mighty power: by defeating the Egyptian army, making bitter water become drinkable, and leading the people to an oasis of water and shade. In providing daily food, God again demonstrated His power and faithfulness while exposing the peoples' unbelief.

READ: Exodus 16 (focus on vv. 4-21)

- What were the rules God gave the people concerning the bread? In what ways did they struggle to keep these rules? (see also verses 27-30)
- List the ways this passage depicts God's miraculously provision for the people. What lessons should they have understood from this provision?
- Think of ways that God has provided "bread" for you. Jesus' provision to pay for our sin and provide eternal life meets our greatest need. How should God's faithfulness encourage us to find our satisfaction in Him rather than the world?

PRAY

- Thank God for His kind provision for our physical and spiritual needs.
- Ask God to help you to seek your satisfaction first in the person and work of Jesus before worldly things.

SING: "Great is Thy Faithfulness," by Chris Rice

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsQ6szjAnYE>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

SATISFIED IN THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Hunted by Saul, David fled to find a place of refuge and safety but wound up captured by the Philistines in Gath. Held captive and fearful, David turned his attention to the Lord. His prayers for release were answered in total deliverance. David, who sought refuge in physical security and safety found true deliverance in God. This led to his soul making boast in the Lord and declaring his satisfaction in the Lord's goodness to him.

READ: Psalm 34:4-10

- How does David describe his interactions with God in this passage? What was the difficulty David faced, and how was he relieved of this difficulty?
- What does it mean to be "good?" What is the significance of David calling the Lord "good?"
- How does this text reveal God's goodness toward His people? How had God revealed His goodness amidst your circumstances?

PRAY

- Praise the Lord for being a true place of refuge to the believer.
- Confess any ways you seek satisfaction in the temporary security of safety more than in God. Repent, and ask the Lord to let you taste and see that He is good and that true satisfaction is found in Him.

SING: "Psalm 34 (Taste and See)," by Shane & Shane

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQQnHVg97T4>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

I AM THE GATE

After Jesus healed a man who was born blind, Pharisees sought to discredit Jesus for healing on the Sabbath. Jesus used this incident to demonstrate how they were blind to His true identity. Jesus then taught how to recognize those who are truly serving God and have genuine concern for His people.

READ: John 10:1-10

- In Jesus' teaching, what are the differences between those who enter by the door and those who do not?
- Why is it important to enter by the door rather than another way? What does entering by the gate reveal about that person's intentions?
- Why do the sheep react so differently to the shepherd and the thief? How can we grow to distinguish between the one who enters by the gate from one who does not?

PRAY

- Thank God for those in your life who have "entered by gate" and helped you experience the abundant life in Christ.
- Pray for growing discernment to identify those who have come in by the door from those who have not. Also pray to grow in your recognition of Biblical truth so you can more closely follow Jesus.

SING: "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is," by I Am They

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on5iWflfMgw>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THIS WEEKEND, JUNE 20-21, 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?