

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 preached from John 10:1-10, where Jesus reveals that he is the true shepherd and the door of the sheep. We learned that Jesus is the promised shepherd of Israel who faithfully shepherds his sheep. He alone is the way to salvation and provides abundant life.

Read: John 8:12-30

This Sunday, Pastor Josh will preach from John 8:12-30, where Jesus states, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). We will consider the truth that Jesus is the true light by which we see God, the world, and salvation. As you prepare your heart for Sunday worship, let this devotional from John Piper encourage you further with this glorious truth.

Reflect: “Jesus is the Light of the World”

Jesus is the light of the world. If you follow him now, you will have him as your light in advance of that great day. True, he will reveal your sins. Which is a precious gift — like the fortunate early diagnosis of a deadly cancer. But even more, he will reveal all that is beautiful. He will be the light in which you see God — the light in which you see the history of redemption and the work of salvation.

He will be the light in which you see mountains and valleys and oceans and rivers and trees and animals and people. Nothing will be the same again when you have him as your light. Everything looks different in the light of Christ. Yes, even earthquakes and tsunamis and suffering and death. Until his light fills the earth as the waters cover the sea — until it banishes sin and sickness and pain and earthquakes to the outer darkness — until then, even now, his light will help you bear the sorrows of darkness. It will be a soft glow to comfort you in your lonely room after the devastating loss. It will be a lamp on your troubled path. It will reveal the wise and loving face of God behind every frowning providence.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

And so I say with Jesus in John 12:36, “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When you believe in Jesus as your precious light, when you follow him as your truth and your wisdom and your way and your beauty, you have his life, you are “a son of light.” You are begotten into the family of light. And this light will never go out. In the moment of death, when the world thinks “all the lights go out,” for you it will be the light of heaven.

So that’s where Jesus starts in verse 12. He offers them and us all of that. And what an offer it is! I pray you take it.

Excerpt from the sermon, “I Am the Light of the World,” by John Piper, March 12, 2011.

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “The Passion,” by Hillsong Worship
2. “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death,” Arr. Shane & Shane
3. “Hallelujah, What a Savior,” by Breakaway Ministries

SONG LYRICS

"THE PASSION" Hillsong Worship

(Verse 1)

The passion of our Saviour
The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question
Of the measure of His love

(Chorus)

Our chains are gone
Our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death and life for me

(Verse 2)

The Innocent judged guilty
While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion
And our portion liberty

(Bridge)

I give my whole life to honour this love
By the Lamb who was slain I'm forgiven
The sinner's Saviour crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain He is risen

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SONG LYRICS

"CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH" Getty Music

(Verse 1)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

(Chorus)

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

(Verse 2)

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

(Verse 3)

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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SONG LYRICS

"HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR (YOUR LOVE HAS RESCUED ME)" Passion Arrangement

(Verse 1)

Man of sorrow what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior

(Verse 2)

Stand unclean no one else could
In my place condemned He stood
Now His nearness is my good
Hallelujah what a Savior

(Chorus)

Hallelujah praise to the one
Whose blood has pardoned me
Oh what a Savior Redeemer and King
Your love has rescued me

(Verse 3)

Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in Heaven lifted high
Hallelujah what a Savior

(Verse 4)

When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Savior

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SERMON NOTES

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12-30

Big Idea: Jesus is the true Light, by which we see God, the world, and salvation.

1. Jesus is the Light by which we see God the Father and Christ the Messiah. (John 8:12)

[12] "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- a. The Light reveals God's presence.
- b. The Light reveals God's deliverance. (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6)
- c. God's essence and Jesus' divinity - We know who the Father is because of Jesus.
 - i. John 8:19; John 1:18; Colossians 1:15 -20; Hebrews 1:3

2. Jesus is the Light by which we see the world. (John 8:13-20)

- a. The religious leaders are a picture of the brokenness in our world.
 - i. They rejected his testimony in verse 13.
 - ii. They did not believe him when he claimed God as his Father.
- b. The religious leaders are a picture of our brokenness.

3. Jesus is the Light by which we see the salvation. (John 8:21-30)



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

DISCUSS

- Read John 8:12-30. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does light symbolize? Share other examples of how light is used in Scripture. [Light 1st of God's creation (Gen. 1:3); Psalm 27:1 - "the Lord is my light;" God's Word is a light (Psalm 119:105); Isaiah's servant of the Lord would be "a light...who would bring out prisoners from the dungeon" (Isa 42:6-7); God himself will be the light in the kingdom of heaven (Rev. 22:5, Isa 60:19-22)]
- What informs us that the religious leaders didn't know God the Father (v. 19)? How does Jesus reveal the Father? (see also Col. 1:15-17)
- What does this passage clarify about Jesus' identity and work? [Savior, from the Father, always pleases the father (29)] How does Jesus' identity and work give you hope as you navigate our broken world?
- What are substitutes for the true light that people gravitate towards? What is your main source of light for guidance and hope? How can we daily walk in the light of Jesus?
- Read v. 30 again. What in this passage might cause someone to believe that Jesus is the true messiah and the light of the world?

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, JUNE 29, 2020

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy about the coming of the “light” of salvation. The promise is that those who come to him would receive the light of eternal life.

READ: John 8:12-30 (v.12)

- How is Jesus the connection between us and the Father?
- Why does Jesus use the imagery of “light” to refer to Himself, and then “darkness” to refer to those who do not follow him? Consider the purpose of light in helping us see, understand, know, etc.
- The passage ends by stating that many believed in Jesus after hearing what he said. Have you believed in Jesus? What words from Jesus or characteristics about Him make it difficult to believe Jesus is the light?

PRAY

- Consider those you know and love who are still walking in darkness. Pray that you would have an opportunity to share the true light of the message of Christ with them, and that God would open their eyes to see the light and their hearts to follow Him.
- Identify ways you can repent from walking in darkness. Ask for desire and strength to grow in the true light of life, Jesus Christ.

SING: "Here I Am To Worship" by Hillsong Worship

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TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

THE LIGHT OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE

After Jesus has returned to completely defeat and vanquish His enemies, He establishes the New Heavens and New Earth. One of the key elements that marks this spectacular city is the obvious presence of God dwelling with His people. Many of the Biblical symbols of God's presence (such as the temple) give way to the real thing.

READ: Rev. 21:23-25, 22:5

- What things are no longer needed in this future reality? Why are they no longer necessary?
- What does light symbolically do in these verses? How does Jesus bring this light into the world today?
- From a spiritual perspective, what are sources of false light today? How does Jesus differ from these false light sources?

PRAY

- Thank God for the exciting future that awaits Christians as we will enjoy God's full presence and glory.
- Confess your tendency to walk in counterfeit light
- Ask God for spiritual eyes to see more and more His light and a motivation to walk in it.

SING: "Marvelous Light" by Charlie Hall

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

THE SERVANT ENABLES YOU TO SEE THE LIGHT

This section of Isaiah contains the first of the Servant Songs. This Servant was chosen by God and is the object of His delight. The Servant is entrusted to bring God's rule on the earth and establish His kingdom. The preceding verses describe the character of this Servant, while this section describes how God will use His Servant.

READ: Isaiah 42:5-8

- What are demonstrations of God's power in these verses?
- How does God use His Servant to establish His kingdom? Why are images of light and vision utilized to explain the Servant's work among the covenant people?
- False gods, such as carved idols, limit our vision of God's glory. What things today distract you and hinder your ability to see God's glory?

PRAY

- Praise God the Father for His great power, and for the nurturing character of His Servant (Jesus).
- Confess your desire for the things which distract you from living for God.
- Ask God to give you a greater vision to behold and enjoy His glory.

SING: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" by Sovereign Grace Music

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

A LIGHT TO MY PATH

Recall how God led Israel through their wilderness wanderings with a cloud by day and fire by night. Today, let's consider how God guides us step by step with the light of His Word.

READ: Psalm 119:105

- What idea is repeated in this verse?
- Why would an author state the same idea in 2 ways? (this is a poetic device called "parallelism.")
- What is your application today in light of God's promise in this verse? [read the Bible? memorize and meditate on the Bible? Obey what you know to be true in the Bible?]

PRAY

- Thank God that he reveals His perfect will in His Word.
- Ask for grace to walk daily in the light of His Word so you will follow His path for your life.

SING: "Speak, O Lord" by Keith & Kristyn Getty

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP

Jesus has just confronted the Pharisees about their spiritual blindness. Their main problem was their inability to recognize God's good shepherd.

READ: John 10:10-21 (vv. 9, 11, 14)

- What's the difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand? Why do they react differently to danger?
- What does Jesus do for His sheep? How do the sheep respond to Him?
- What are some emotions you have when you meditate on Jesus laying down His life for you? What is one action you would like to take this week in response to Jesus' sacrifice?

PRAY

- Praise Jesus for being the good shepherd even when you are a disobedient sheep.
- Ask God to help you obey His voice in your life as you respond to His grace and truth.

SING: "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" performed by Leigh Nash