

Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?

Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What

How can a man

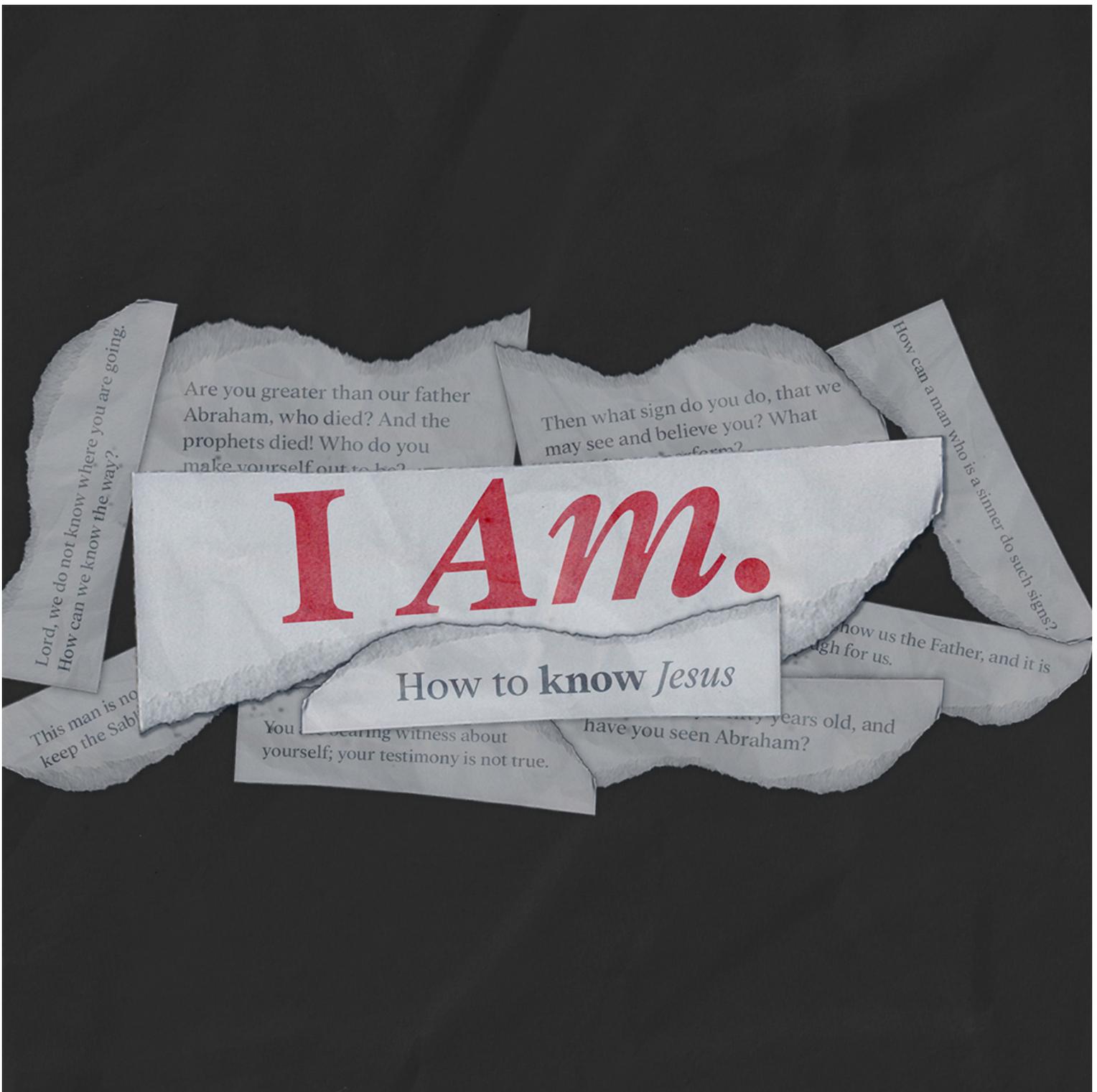
I AM.

How to know *Jesus*

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ugh for us.

You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.

... years old, and have you seen Abraham?



SESSION 3

READ

Take some time in advance to read and consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

WATCH

Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

DISCUSS

We hope those who participate in the study walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of amazing discussion.

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

OPEN

What is the brightest light you have ever seen? How did you feel in the presence of that bright light? What is the darkest dark that you have ever experienced? How did you feel when surrounded by darkness?

WATCH SESSION 3

INTRODUCTION

What are some key points that stuck out to you in the video?

READ

Read John 8:12-20

Where is Jesus when he speaks the words of verse 12?

during the feast of booths, they would light four large golden lamp stands (about 75 feet tall) in the court of women near “the treasury.” The treasury would have been in the court of women. This means that this would have been a well-populated area in the middle of a temple location where both men and women were permitted to enter.

Is it significant that Jesus uses this as a backdrop for his announcement in verse 12?

This location is vital for us because it brings to light the invitation that Jesus is about to make. The invitation to come and follow the light of the world is not reserved for the religious elite. It’s available to all who come to Him in belief.

What huge statement does Jesus specifically say in verse 12 about who he is?

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Jesus is saying, "I am the light of the world." He is not claiming to be a light among many other lights, he is THE light.

How do the Pharisees (Jewish religious leaders) respond to Jesus after he announces that he is the light of the world?

The Pharisees didn't question the meaning of His statement. They knew it was a messianic claim, for they immediately called Him a liar. Why did Jesus say He would not cast out those who came to Him?

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Jesus has now made two "I AM" statements? I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. How are the two statements similar? How are they different? What picture do these statements paint of Jesus?

Why is it so important to the Pharisees for Jesus' statements to be validated by another testimony?

the Pharisees are dismissing Jesus's claims to be the Messiah because he's making the claim about himself. They're looking around, saying that there are no witnesses to confirm his claims. Therefore, because there are no witnesses, these claims must not be accurate.

Why are people so drawn to darkness? What makes the darkness so comfortable? Why would someone choose the darkness over the light?

