

# I AM

THE "I AM" STATEMENTS OF JESUS

DISCUSSION GUIDE



# I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

## STATEMENT

I am the light of the world.  
Ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου

## PROMISE

"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## REFERENCE

Genesis 1  
Isaiah 42:6  
Isaiah 49:6  
Isaiah 51:4

During the time of Jesus, it was a tradition that during the Festival of Tabernacles, the courtyard of the Temple was filled with candlesticks and would outshine any other courtyard in Jerusalem. It is during this festival that Jesus proclaimed that He is the source of light in this world. It is only through Him, as the light of the world, that people can experience true life.

## SERMON NOTES

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## QUESTIONS

- *What is the Festival of Tabernacles (John 7:1-14, Exodus 23:14-17) and why is it important for the people to celebrate? How does this festival set the backdrop and shed light on Jesus' teachings in John 7-8?*
- *How does the metaphor of light and darkness reveal our need for Jesus?*
- *What is the significance behind Jesus' "I AM" statement?*
- *Why were the Jewish leaders concerned with the validity of Jesus' testimony?*
- *To what kind of life is Jesus inviting His followers to live?*







# I AM HE

## STATEMENT

I am he  
Ἐγώ εἰμι

## RESPONSE

When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

## REFERENCE

Romans 5-8

Knowing what was going to happen later that night, Jesus took His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemene to pray. Sometime later, a group of soldiers and religious leaders came to where Jesus was. Upon seeing them, Jesus declared that He was Jesus of Nazareth, whom they were looking for. Is it probable that Jesus used the phrase "I AM" in the absolute sense representing the Greek form of the divine name God gave to Moses in Exodus 3:14, thus claiming to be God. Whether Jesus used "I AM" in that sense or not, there was clearly a display of His power and authority at the declaration of His name because the crowd drew back and fell to the ground.

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## QUESTIONS

- *Why is it important to notice that Jesus took the initiative to acknowledge His identity?*
- *What is the significance behind Jesus' "I AM" statement?*
- *How does the response of the crowd point to Jesus' authority and power?*
- *Why is it important to understand that Jesus is both fully human and fully God?*
- *To what kind of life is Jesus inviting His followers to live?*