

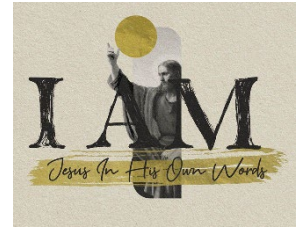
Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Summer Series: I AM – Jesus In His Own Words

Message: I AM the resurrection and the life!

Speaker: Gord Fleming

Date: July 23, 2023



Connect (30min)

1. ICEBREAKER

2. FAITH FOCUS

What has encouraged or challenged you from your personal devotions (reading/prayer) this week?

Share one highlight with the group – an insight, encouragement, challenge or application.

3. P.R.A.Y. – BE BOLD IN ENCOURAGEMENT. July/August Prayer Focus.

📖 **Word:** [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#).

Encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

🙏 **Pray:** Take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader – time & transition to each component.

-- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)

-- Rejoice & Reflect (praise & thanks. 2min.),

-- Ask (invite & request 4min.)

-- Yes (surrender & trust. 2min)

Message Discussion (30min)

1. Read through John 11:1-44 The Raising of Lazarus.

a. **What struck you the most in this passage?**

b. **Feedback:** What did you learn from Sunday's message? What challenged or encouraged you?

2. Gord told the story of the plastic steering wheel, and that sometimes we put Jesus in the passenger seat instead of the drivers seat of our lives.

a. **Discuss the Lordship of Jesus as a group.**

b. **What does "Jesus as Lord", look like in your life?**

c. **Are there areas in your life that you feel you haven't surrendered to Jesus? Discuss**

3. Re read John 11:25 & 26

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

- a. Do you believe this Martha? Why do you think Jesus asked Martha this question?
- b. Everyone who believes in me will never die. What is your understanding of eternal life?
- c. What do you think heaven will be like?

4. Gord quoted John Pipers book, God is the Gospel.

Can we really say that our people are being prepared for heaven where Christ himself, not his gifts, will be the supreme pleasure?

- a. Do you sometimes love the gifts God gives more than the giver? Discuss.

5. I Am the Resurrection & the life.

- a. What areas in your life do you think needs to be resurrected?
- b. Jesus brings life and he is life. How do you understand this? Discuss.

6. Reread John 11: 40-42

Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me."

- a. What are ways that you see God's glory in your life?
- b. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead! He is all powerful and able to transform lives and bring the spiritually dead to life! How does this truth land with you. Discuss.

Prayer (15min)

***In response to the message, scripture and discussion – how can we pray for you?**

God's Power – Provision – Protection – Presence - Peace

***Who is one person in your life who we can pray for?**

God's Power – Provision – Protection – Presence - Peace