

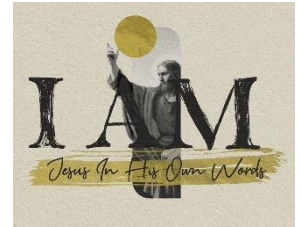
Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Summer Series: I AM – Jesus In His Own Words

Message: I AM the Vine

Speaker: Eryn Moore – Associate Pastor

Date: August 13, 2023



Connect (30min)

1. ICEBREAKER

If you could win a Vacation to any of the following Vineyard (Wine Country) regions, which would you choose and why?

a. Okanagan b. California c. France d. Italy e. Spain f. Germany g. Australia h. Chile i. Israel

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. "I AM" SERIES

a. Which of the 7 "I AM..." statements of Jesus impacted you the most this summer, and why?

July 2 – I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:30-36, 47-51)

July 9 – I Am the Light of the World (John 8:2-12)

July 16 – I Am the Door (John 10:7-10)

July 23 – I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11)

July 30 – I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)

August 6 – I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (John 13:33-14:7)

August 13 – I am the Vine – (John 15:1-17)

b. If these claims of Jesus are true, then what? What does this mean for the world, for us, for you?

How should these words and the reality of Jesus impact and change us? Read 📖 [John 6:68-69](#)

2. "I AM THE VINE" -- Read [☐ JOHN 15:1-17](#)

*The word *Remain* (NLT, NIV) can also be *Abide* (ESV, KJV)

*The phrase *cuts off* (NLT, NIV) or *takes away* (ESV, KJV) could be translated as *lifts up* based on the original Greek word *airo*

- a. What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?
- b. How do you think the Disciples initially received and understood this teaching?
How do you think it impacted them after Jesus' death and resurrection?
- c. What do you learn about humanity and life from this passage?
- d. What did you learn from this Sunday's message? What challenged or encouraged you?

3. BENEFITS OF ABIDING

- a. What are some of the *Benefits of Abiding* (Living) in Jesus, as you consider John 15:1-17?
- b. How have you experienced discipline (lifting up) and pruning of the Father (the Vine Dresser)? 15:2-3

4. LOOK-LEARN-LOVE-LIVE

1 John 2:6 – Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

- a. Have you ever read through the Gospel of John?
- b. Would you consider engaging the **21 Day Challenge** that Pastor Eryn shared on Sunday?
- c. Read & Pray through The Gospel of John, 1 chapter a day for 21 days. 7mins of Reading, 8mins of Prayer.

5. ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE

- a. What's the longest amount of time you think you could live without each of the following essentials?
i. Water ___ ii. Air ___ iii. Food ___ iv. Light ___ v. Home/Shelter ___
- b. If JESUS is the spiritual equivalent of these essentials...how long do you think you can live without Him?
- c. How have you experienced Jesus being these life essentials for you? Share 1 or 2 examples
- d. Who is one person in your life who is living without the life essentials of Jesus?
Remember this person for our prayer time.

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

Resources

***Book:** [Secrets of the Vine: Breaking Through to Abundance, Bruce Wilkerson](#)

***Song:** *Abide, Dwell Songs (feat. Aaron Williams)*. [YouTube](#) & [Spotify](#)