



# Dive Deeper

## I AM SERIES [HALFTIME]

### SERMON NOTES:

6 DEC 2020

#### November 15, 2020

**I Am the Bread of Life** Pastor Dave Bondeson

Exodus 3:7-22, John 6:22-60

- Names are both **DESCRIPTIVE** and **DEFINITIONAL**.
- When asked, "Are you able?" God's response is, "**I AM.**"
- Jesus is the one who is able to **SATISFY** our souls.
- The reward of following Jesus isn't what he offers, the reward is **JESUS**.

#### November 22, 2020

**I Am the Light of the World** Pastor Matt Wilhelm

John 8

The Light of the World Reveals 2 Things:

1. It exposes **US FOR WHO WE REALLY ARE**
2. It exposes **THE FATHER FOR WHO HE REALLY IS**

Once we see who the Father really is, we're challenged with 2 things:

Challenge #1: We are to **BE THE ARMS** of the Heavenly Father, ready to welcome anyone who would come to us.

Challenge #2: We are to **RUN TO THE FATHER** in our brokenness, because he desires to restore us and make us whole again.

#### November 29, 2020

**I Am the Door & the Good Shepherd** Pastor Brian Berg

John 10

These two I Am statements of Jesus give us four assurances:

1. He **GUARDS** us.
2. He **GIVES** us **LIFE**.
3. He **GUIDES** us.
4. He **GUARANTEES** our **ETERNITY**.

## COMMUNITY:



**What did Thanksgiving look like for you this year?**

**Who would you love to see in one of the new seats of the auditorium?** Spend time praying for the good news of Jesus to spread throughout the community through the use of this new tool.

*We have three Open Houses this week for community members and congregants to invite friends to see the new space. Invite a friend or neighbor. There will be plenty of open space and time to explore the building on your own. Staff will be available to meet you and answer questions, but there will be no guided tour groups. Join us!*

*Tuesday Dec 8, 3 - 8pm*

*Thursday Dec 10, 3 - 8pm*

*Saturday Dec 12, 9 - 1pm*

**Listen to the song "The Great I Am" as a group and discuss what meaning the lyrics have to you personally.**

## CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:

*(Italicized notations are for leader info)*

 **Does one of the "I Am" statements especially speak to you these days? How?**

**What are some of Jesus' actions in the gospel accounts? What do they reveal about who God is? (John 1:18)**



**Read Isaiah 49:6 and Isaiah 60:19-22. When Jesus says “I am the Light of the World,” what is he really saying?**

 **What does doing life with Jesus (Philippians 1:21) look like in light of each of the I Am statements?**

**I am the Bread of Life (John 6:22-60)**

**I am the Light of the World (John 8:12 - 29)**

**I am the Door & the Good Shepherd. (John 10:1-18)**

**In light of the I Am statements, Discuss the C. S. Lewis quote "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." For example , finish this sentence "Because Jesus is the Good Shepherd, I..."**

# FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS:

## DINNER TIME DISCUSSION

How are you representing Jesus to your friends, neighbors, classmates and co-workers? What might their understanding of Jesus be based on your actions?

## ADVENT RESOURCE

Use the Bible Project Advent Series to help draw your heart and mind to the celebration of Jesus' incarnation.

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/the-advent-series/>

## PRACTICING PRAYER

As a new way to experience confession, sit in a darkened room as you confess your sin to God. After confession, turn on a light as you accept his forgiveness.



## VERSE MEMORY

I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

*Christian Standard Version*

## DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES

The crazy Christmas season is upon us. Fight the 'crazy' by practicing Sabbath this Advent season. Take time to rest and worship God and resist the commercial rush of this season. Reflect and rest in the truth that the I Am statements of Jesus reveal about who he truly is!

(Check out the "Fight Hustle, End Hurry" Podcast's episode on sabbath.)

*To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.*