

This week we finished our sermon series through the Gospel of John. Over the past year we have studied the miracles and truth of Jesus. We have learned about the teaching of Jesus and what it means to follow Him. We have walked through some tough passages that have shaped our faith in new ways. During our journey through the Gospel, we came to meet Jesus Christ in a powerful way. Today we will conclude with the purpose of John's writing, and we will look at the seven "I am" statements of Jesus. As we near the end, John wants to be certain that the reader understands his purpose in writing this account.

- 1. Neal shared that we live in a culture that is obsessed with living longer and figuring out the science/data to make that happen. If you did live for a decade longer than you expected, what would you do with those ten years?
- Tucked near the very end of John's Gospel we read his purpose in writing it. Read John 20:30-31. John wrote this account so that anyone who reads it would believe in Jesus. How has your faith in Jesus changed over the last year of studying this Gospel account?
- Jesus told the crowds that He is the bread of life and the light of the world. Read John 6:35 and 8:12. Throughout Scripture we see God provide for His people and illuminate their path (for example: 1 Kings 19:3-8 and Psalm 119:105). Share a time when God provided for your needs or brought light to a dark place in your life.
- 4. Jesus tells us that He is the gate and the good shepherd. **Read John 10:7-11**. Jesus is our constant protector and provider. **Read Psalm 28:7 and Psalm 23**. What has changed in your life since letting Jesus be your good shepherd?
- 5. Jesus is the one who holds the security of our eternal life and points us to the truth in God. **Read John 11:25-26 and 14:6**. We live in a world that is filled with fake news and half-truths. What is one truth of Jesus that you regularly cling to?
- 6. Jesus teaches us that He is the true vine. By connecting with Him, we are able to live out the purpose He has for us. **Read John 15:1-4**. How have you learned to remain or abide in Jesus? How has that changed your life?
- 7. John teaches us that the result of believing in Jesus is life in His name. Think about one way your life has drastically changed since following Jesus. Share that with your group as a way to praise God for the life change He has done in you.
- 8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for God to continue to do His changing work in you.