

I AM...

A STUDY OF WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT HIMSELF

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE | JOHN 6:22-40

What is the Big Idea?

Only Jesus satisfies and brings eternal life. He is what we need. He was sent from heaven to satisfy us and give us life.

Fallen Condition:

We search everywhere for satisfaction and life. We often misunderstand Jesus and seek him for our own purposes rather than admitting our need for life in him.

Christ Solution:

Jesus himself is our life and our satisfaction. We need him. He provides this "bread of life" through his death.

Gospel Centered Application:

Go to Jesus. Believe in Jesus.

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD | JOHN 8:12-30

What is the Big Idea?

Jesus is the light in a dark and broken world. He is God and his life, death, and resurrection prove that he is who he said he is.

Fallen Condition:

We love darkness and are dead in our sins.

Christ Solution:

Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus shows us that he is God. By believing in him we can be saved.

Gospel Centered Application:

Believe in Jesus and be saved. Let the light of the world guide you in a world of darkness.

I AM | JOHN 8:31-48

What is the Big Idea?

Jesus is the "I AM." He takes on God's self-identification to declare that he is God in the flesh. Knowing this truth will set you free to live as you were meant to live - for the glory of God.

Fallen Condition:

We think we are free in our sin, controlling our own lives and able to save ourselves. However, we are in desperate need for rescue from our bondage to sin.

Christ Solution:

Jesus, the great I AM, is God in the flesh. Knowing him sets us free from our bondage to sin and allows us to live a full and abundant life - a life lived to the glory of God.

Gospel Centered Application:

1. Repent of false views of Jesus.
2. See the truth that Jesus is God.
3. Embrace this truth and be set free from your bondage to sin.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD | JOHN 10:1-21

What is the Big Idea?

Jesus alone saves. He is the only one who lays down his life for us and is therefore the only one who can solve our problem of sin.

Fallen Condition:

We are deceived by false saviors all the time, things that we think will bring us to God and make us right before him. However, only Jesus can do this.

Christ Solution:

Jesus is our perfect and only guide home to God because he is the only one who lays down his life for the sheep.

Gospel Centered Application:

1. Repent of your false saviors, "the strangers" that we follow
2. Trust in Jesus alone for your right standing before God.
3. Listen to Jesus' voice through his word for guidance and care.

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE | JOHN 11:1-53

What is the Big Idea?

Jesus has the power over death. His resurrection is the basis for the Christian's resurrection to glory in the future. We experience the beginnings of that now through our new birth - from death in sin to life in the spirit.

Fallen Condition:

Death affects us all and we cannot overcome it.

Christ Solution:

Jesus overcomes our death by his own death and resurrection. He calls us out of sin and death into a new life with him now. He also calls us into a glorified, resurrected life with him in the future.

Gospel Centered Application:

1. Be honest with your doubts about the resurrection and seek help from the Holy Spirit to understand the word rightly and believe in the physical bodily resurrection of Christ.
2. Trust that God knows what he is doing in your life. He allows hard things to happen for his glory and because he loves you - just as he did with Mary and Martha.
3. Live boldly like Lazarus. If Jesus has promised you life, what is there to fear?

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE | JOHN 14:1-14

What is the Big Idea?

Jesus is the only way to God because Jesus is God. To know Jesus is to know God. To not know Jesus is to not know God.

Fallen Condition:

We cannot find the way to God on our own but we need him to reveal himself to us.

Christ Solution:

God came to earth in the person of His son Jesus. Jesus is 100% God and 100% man. He is the only one who could live for us, die for us, and reveal God to us.

Gospel Centered Application:

1. Look to Jesus to know God personally.
2. Hope for the place that Jesus will prepare for you.
3. Walk in holiness, love, mercy, and boldness like Jesus because you believe in Him.

I AM THE TRUE VINE | JOHN 15:1-17

What is the Big Idea?

The only way to grow as a Christian is to abide in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we do that, we will grow in the fruit of the Spirit and in loving one another.

Fallen Condition:

We go to Christ for salvation, but then often try to fight sin and grow on our own.

Christ Solution:

When we trust in Jesus, we are united to Him by the Holy Spirit and have his life and power working in. Only he allows us to bear fruit.

Gospel Centered Application:

1. Abide in Jesus.
2. Love one another like Jesus has loved you.
3. Obey Jesus' commandments.
4. Trust God for the fruit of the Spirit in your life.