### FALL 2015 LIFE GROUP CAMPAIGN

### Theme: I AM: The Radical Claim that Changes Everything

### Who is Jesus (Christology) and what does that mean for me (discipleship)? That by believing you may have life.

**Christology -->Discipleship**

**Belief-->Life**

### Key Outcomes:

### -Familiarity with How to Study the Bible (Biblical Literacy)

### -Engaging a significant theme of the Gospel of John

### -A study that is beneficial for both new and mature believers.

### -create an environment where people are looking at God’s Word together with the Spirit leading the way

### -Alignment of ministries (Adults, Children, Youth, Family, School, Worship, Life Groups)

### Possible Setup – not sure yet

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| *8/30* | *CONNECT* |  |  |
| *9/6* | *GROW* |  |  |
| *9/13* | *SHARE Christ with Words* |  |  |
| *9/20* | *SHARE Christ with…Service* |  |  |
| *9/27* | *SHARE Christ with…Resources* |  |  |

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| **DATE** | **TOPIC** | **SCRIPTURES for Life Group Video Teaching** | **SCRIPTURE(s) for Worship/Preaching** | **notes** |
| 10/4 | **Introduction/Background**  Gospel of John and “I AM” statements | See ----------🡪  and background sheet | **OT**: Exodus 3:1-15  **NT**: Revelation 21:6-7  **Gospel**: John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9; 10:14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:5 | Video Teacher: |
| 10/11 | **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE** | John 6:25-40 (41-59) | **OT**: Exodus 16:31-35  **NT**: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  **Gospel**: John 6:25-40 | Video Teacher: |
| 10/18 | **I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** | John 7:40-52; 8:12  *(Note that 7:53-8:11*  *not part of original mss)* | **OT**: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7  **NT**: Philippians 2:12-16  **Gospel:** John 7:40-52; 8:12 | Video Teacher: |
| 10/25 | **I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD (GATE OF THE SHEEP TOO)**  ***REFORMATION*** | John 10:1-18  *Hebrews 13:20-21* | **OT**: Ezekiel 34:11-15, 23 (or Rev 14:6-7)  **NT**: Romans 3:19-28  **Gospel**: John 10:1-18 | Video Teacher: |
| 11/1 | **I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE**  ***ALL SAINTS*** | John 11:1-44  *Focus: John 11:17-27 (38-44)* | **1st**: Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17  **NT**: 1 John 3:1-3  **Gospel**: John 11:17-27 (38-44) | Video Teacher: |
| 11/8 | **I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE** | John 14:1-7 | **OT**: Isaiah 40:1-5  **NT**: Hebrews 10:19-22  **Gospel**: John 14:1-7 | Video Teacher: |
| 11/15 | **I AM THE VINE** | John 15:1-17 | **OT**: Isaiah 27:2-6  **NT**: Galatians 5:22-25  **Gospel**: John 15:1-17 | Video Teacher: |

**Fall 2015 Life Group Launch**

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**Summary:** The ‘I Am’ statements are two part statements. The first part is Christological – Who is Jesus? The second part is about Discipleship – What does this mean for me/us as a Jesus follower? We would like to follow these two through lines each week in the teaching sermons for the videos. Also, In John 20:30-31 is written the purpose of the Gospel. The two themes of believing and having life also are repeated quite consistently:

***30****Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.****31****But these are written that you may believethat Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

We are leaning toward not having testimonies this year. This means we as teachers need to personalize with stories, examples, even images/visuals that John Primm can edit/import.

The Following is a guide for the teaching on the Videos. There is freedom here but this is a starting point with basic theme.

1. **Introduction/Background leading into the I Am statements** –
   1. Text:
   2. Teacher Focus: Introduction to . . .
      1. Life Groups
      2. Gospel of John in General (John 20:31- Believe and Have Life) and John 1
      3. “I AM” statements with their two-fold emphases:
         1. (1) Who is Jesus? (Christology)
         2. (2) what does this mean for us/me? (Discipleship).
2. **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**
   1. Text: John 6:25-40 (41-59)
      1. Focus Verse: John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
   2. Teacher Focus: Jesus is the bread of life and those who do the work of God (to believe in Jesus v. 29) will never hunger or thirst (=have life?).
3. **I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** –
   1. Text: John 7:40-52; 8:12
      1. Focus Verse: John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” NIV
   2. Teacher Focus: Jesus is the light of the world and his followers (those who believe in him?) will never walk in darkness but have the light of life. Jesus statement in 8:12 is in part a response to the objection in 7:52 that a prophet would/could not come from Galilee. But See Isaiah 9:1-2.
4. **I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD (GATE OF SHEEP TOO)**
   1. Text: John 10:1-18
      1. Focus Verse: John 10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me
      2. John 10:7, 9 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep… I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”
   2. Teacher Focus: Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the Gate for the Sheep and his sheep know him and are known by him. Through him (gate) (belief?) they are saved (=Have life?) and ultimately the emphasis for them seems to be verse 10, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
5. **I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE** – (Pastor Bob)
   1. Text: John 11:1-44 *Focus: John 11:17-27 (38-44)*
      1. Focus Verse: John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
   2. Teacher Focus: Jesus is the resurrection and the life and those who believe in him will never die… and will see the glory of God (vs. 40)
6. **I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE** –
   1. Text: John 14:1-7
      1. Focus Verse: John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
   2. Teacher Focus: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life… those who believe in Jesus (vs. 2) have found the way to the Father (God).
7. **I AM THE VINE** –
   1. Text: John 15:1-17
      1. Focus Verse: John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
   2. Teacher Focus: Jesus is the vine and we are his branches… in him (=belief) we bear much fruit , apart from him we can’t do anything! (While the specific language of believe and have life are not in this section, the concepts are there metaphorically. To believe is to remain in him and to have life is to be connected to the vine, bearing fruit.)
   3. So that there is no chance the disciples would boast, in verse 16 Jesus makes a point of reminding that “***You did not choose me, but I chose you…”***

**2015 Fall Life Group Campaign**

**Format of Video Teachings:**

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| **Section** | **Length** | **Person** | **Setting** |
| Introduction | 2-3 Min. | Actor- |  |
| Teaching | 10-12 Min. | Teacher |  |
| Conclusion | 1 Min. | Actor- |  |

Format of Writing:

1. **Teacher/Pastor** will write 10 minute teaching.
2. **Teacher/Pastor** will give 2-3 questions that they would like to see life group participants answer.
3. “Actor” will do introductions/conclusions –