

[Ice Breaker Game]

[Intro]

(Person A) Yesterday we asked the question, “**Who is Jesus Christ?**”

Do you guys remember the four things Jesus told us about Himself?

- (Write each statement on the top of board as students answer. If they are having trouble answering, the four statements are on their bags!)

Jesus is God (Write on board)

- (Read) John 8:58 - *“Before Abraham was, I AM.”*

Jesus is Savior (Write on board)

- (Read) John 10:11 - *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

Jesus is Life (Write on board)

- (Read) John 11:25 - *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*

Jesus is the way (Write on board)

- (Read) John 14:6 - *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

So yesterday we saw that Jesus is not just some nice religious guy, but He is the God of the universe who came to save us from our sins and give us eternal life in heaven with Him.

[Jesus is our satisfaction]

(Person B) Now lets focus again today and look at four more I AM statements from Jesus. The first I AM statement we are going to look comes right after Jesus performed a mighty miracle.

In this miracle Jesus fed over 5,000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and two pieces of fish. Can you imagine Jesus feeding this entire school with only one lunch box of food! This miracle by Jesus reaffirms that He is God, because only God could do such a miracle.

In the verse we are getting ready to read, some time has passed since Jesus fed all the people, and the people have come back to Jesus wanting more food because they were hungry again. Now we pick up the story in **John 6:32** -

- *Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

In this verse Jesus tells the people He is the bread from heaven that comes to give life, and whoever comes to Him and believes in Him will no longer hunger or thirst again.

Now how many of you have ever been really hungry or thirsty?

Of course you have. We all experience physical hunger and thirst.

- So what do you do when you are really hungry? (Eat)
- What do you do when you are really thirsty? (Drink)

You see God has given us physical desires for both food and drink, so that we will eat and drink in order to stay alive.

- In this text, Jesus uses our physical need for food and water, to point to a deeper need, and that is our spiritual need for Him!

(Person C) You see in the same way you have physical desires for food and drink, you also have spiritual desires for God.

- In fact, your heart longs for a relationship with God, and your heart won't be truly happy until it finds ultimate happiness in God.

We can see evidence of this all around us by the way we all live. Each of us have longings for greatness, purpose, love, and happiness. The reason we long for these things is because we were created for God, who is truly great!

- When we come to God and give our lives to Him, we find Him to be great and He gives us a real purpose in life, which is living for His glory. As we live for His glory we find true love in Him and that makes us completely happy.

So here is Jesus' point. Everyone of us has a spiritual hunger and thirst, and that hunger and thirst is supposed to lead us to Him, because He is the only one in the world who can satisfy our deepest longings.

- So in this passage Jesus tell us that He is our satisfaction. Meaning He satisfies the deepest longings of our hearts.
- Write Jesus is our satisfaction on the board

[Jesus is our door of protection]

(Person A) Next we are going to see that Jesus is our door of protection. In **John 10:7** Jesus says:

- *“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.”*

In Jesus' day there were many sheep and shepherds, so Jesus uses the illustration of a sheep pen to teach about Himself.

- A sheep pen had stone walls all around it but no gate or door. At night, shepherds would herd their sheep into one of these sheep pens and then lay across the opening of the doorway, becoming the door of the pen.

As the door of the pen the shepherd would watch over the sheep and protect them from wolves and other animals that might try to harm them.

So when Jesus says “I am the door of the sheep.” He is saying that He watches over and protects the people that are His.

- For example: This classroom has a door (Walk over to door). For a moment lets imagine that someone is on school grounds with a desire to harm this classroom. In this imaginary example, Jesus would be standing as the door to this classroom

so that nothing happens to us. He would protect us from those outside who desire to harm us.

So when Jesus says He is the door, He is saying that He will protect His followers from the great enemy Satan.

Of course this does not mean Christians will never be harmed in this life, because we will all suffer harm at times. What it does mean is that no matter what happens to us in this life, Jesus is always with us and protecting us, even in death.

So in this I AM statement Jesus promises to be our protection.

- Write on board Jesus is our protection

[Jesus is our light]

(Person B) The third I AM statement we will look at today comes from **John 8:12**, where Jesus says:

- *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Has anyone ever tried to walk through a dark room with no lights?

- How was it? (Hard? Difficult to navigate?)
- Did you bump into or trip over anything?

In this verse Jesus says without His guidance, this world is like a dark room with no lights. Without Him we will not know the right way to go and we will constantly stumble into sin and suffer great harm.

So the key to living in this dark world, is following Jesus who is the light! As we look to Jesus, He will guide us in the way we should go. He will give us wisdom and understanding about life so that we will live for righteousness instead of sin.

To help illustrate this point I need two volunteers.

- (Instructions:) Blindfold Person A and have him/her walk across the front of the room. Be sure to put a few obstacles in his/her way. Do not blindfold Person B and him/her walk across the front of the room.

(Discussion) Why did _____ (Person A) have more trouble walking across the room than _____ (Person B)?

- That's right, they were blindfolded and could not see what was in front of them. In the same way, people without Jesus as their guide will continue to bump into sin because they have no light guiding them in the way they should go.

As you saw _____ (Person B) had no trouble walking across the room because he/she had light and could see where they were going.

So in this third I AM statement, Jesus tells us He is our light and guidance.

- Write Jesus is our guidance on the board.

[Jesus is our source for living]

(Person C) The last I AM statement we are going to look at is found in **John 15:1,4-5** and says:

- *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."*

Here Jesus tell us that He is the vine and we are the branches.

- (Drawl a vine with branches on the board to refer to)

As branches (point to branches) our goal is to produce godly fruit that glorifies God.

- (Drawl pieces of fruit on the ends of the branches)

Godly fruit includes: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

So if our goal is to produce godly fruit in our lives, how do we produce this fruit of: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

- The answer is we abide in Jesus Christ who is the vine. He is our source for living.

You see on a grapevine, the branches get all their nourishment from the vine. As they remain connected to the vine, the vine becomes their source for producing fruit.

- If the branches separate from the grapevine, they cannot produce fruit and they will die from lack of nourishment.

In the same way, Christians must stay connected to Jesus and allow Him to be their source for producing Godly fruit. As Christians remain connected to Jesus, Jesus will cause spiritual growth and godly fruit to come from their lives.

(Person A) So how do you stay connected to Jesus?

- The first way is by daily seeking Him through His Word. This means reading your Bible and getting to know Jesus more. As you stay connected to Jesus through His Word, He will show you how great He is and produce fruit in your life.
- The second way is through prayer. Prayer is how you talk to God. As you read His Word, talk to Him about what you are reading, confess to Him your sins and struggles, and listen for His voice to direct and guide you.
- The third way is through His church. As a Christian you need to get connected to a local church that preaches the Bible, helps you grow, and helps you share Christ with others.

(Person B) As you do these three things, you will stay connect to Jesus the vine, and He will produce fruit in your life so you can glorify Him in everything you do.

So lastly we see Jesus is our source for growth.

- Write: **Jesus is our source for growth** on the board

Now lets review all we have learned about Jesus these past two days:

1. Jesus is God
2. Jesus is Savior
3. Jesus is Life
4. Jesus is The Way
5. Jesus is our satisfaction
6. Jesus is our protection
7. Jesus is our guidance
8. Jesus is our source for growth

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(Person C) In light of these truths, our prayer for each and everyone of you has been that you see Jesus Christ for who He really is. He is not just some guy who lived along time ago. He is the God of the universe, who came on a rescue mission to save us from our sins so that we could have a relationship with Him.

Now the question is, “How will you respond to Jesus Christ?” Will you repent of your sins and give your whole life to Him, making Him your Lord and Savior? Will you following Him for the rest of your life and live for His glory and good above your own?

As we transition to craft time, if any of you desire to turn from a life of sin and surrender your life to Jesus, please join me outside. I will now pray for us and then you can respond how you feel led.

[Craft]

Just like yesterday you will now continue decorating your bags so you can remember who Jesus us. Today you will write: Bread, Door, Light, Vine.