**Cell Group Bible Study**

**Jesus 7 “I am” Sayings**

**Introduction**

Welcome to the start of our church’s sermon series and cell group bible study on Jesus’ 7 “I am” Sayings in the Gospel of John! We will be embarking on this journey for next seven weeks from 9 July to 20 Aug.

*Why study Jesus’ 7 “I am” Sayings?*

1. Here we hear Jesus personally describing his nature, character and mission. These are not statements given by another person. Jesus’ descriptions of himself are both fully accurate and true. We can **learn most about Jesus** through them.
2. It helps us **find true life**. Jesus clearly states to all Scripture speaks about him and points to himself (John 6:63). And as he alone is the source of life, we find life when we come to him through understanding his words.

*What is a suggested cell group and bible study format?*

1. You can incorporate the elements of the **4 W’s** for your cell meeting: **Welcome** (personal thanksgiving), **Worship** (songs), **Word** (bible study) and **Works** (prayer for each other and planning and participating in upcoming events of the church).
2. Each of the bible study will consist of three elements:
	1. **Introductory question** for discussion (related to the focus of the bible study)
	2. **Discussion question(s)** based on the passage
	3. **Possible application(s)** in daily life
3. You may not need to include all of the elements in a single cell group session but do not neglect any of the **4 W’s** over the long term.

*What can be helpful for cell members to be more involved?*

1. Everyone should try to read the bible passage beforehand or during the meeting.
2. Cell members can be rostered to lead in the various elements within the cell meeting: welcome, worship, bible study or prayer. This will help involve more members for the cell.
3. In smaller groups, cell members can keep in touch with one another about how they have been applying the lessons learnt in the sermon/bible study throughout the week. You can also ask cell members to share and update about their previous week’s resolution that they have set for themselves.

*What is helpful for you as a cell leader to have a fruitful meeting?*

1. Start and end every meeting **on time**. This honours the commitment that all the cell members have made to attend cell on time.
2. Encourage everyone to share and thank them for sharing – there are no wrong answers (unless it contradicts what God says!) and each opinion should be valued.
3. Look to affirm what your members are sharing – especially about how God may be speaking or leading them in their lives.
4. Feel free to stop at any point to elaborate if the Spirit is leading you to – **you don’t have to complete all of the discussion questions.**
5. Keep your cell group meeting and your members in prayer throughout the week.

**Jesus 7 “I am” Sayings Bible Study (16 Jul)**

**I am the Light of the World**

**Big Idea – Light and darkness can never co-exist**

Key Verse: *““I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* John 8:12

***A. Introductory Question***

1. What is one dark situation you have been through or that you currently see or face?

***B. Discussion Questions***

We must always keep in mind the Apostle John’s purpose for writing the Gospel because that is key to understanding all that is written in this book:

*“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that* ***you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah****, the Son of God, and that* ***by believing you may have life in his name****.”* John 20:30-31

(This is also the reason why when sharing the gospel with non-believers or following up with new believers, I will get them to read the Gospel of John).

**[Read John 1:1-14]**

1. What is one significant word that is repeated most frequently in this short passage and what does this mean to you?
2. What are some characteristics of light that is described by John in this passage? Elaborate on their significance as well.
3. It is interesting that the next most common word in this passage is the word “darkness” or its related idea. This is mentioned at least four times. What does this say about the relationship between light and darkness? How should we respond to darkness as children of light?

***C. Application***

We live in a world filled with darkness. This is a reality that no one can deny. Darkness can come about in the form of ignorance, wrongdoings or even outright rebellion against God. Darkness can also come about through adverse situations we face, broken relationships or sickness in the body. Most of all, darkness exists when people do not believe in the gospel of Christ. They will face the eternity of hell’s suffering.

1. How can the light of Christ shine in you and through you to expel the darkness in the world? Share some practical ways you can shine for Christ and pray for one another to be strengthened in this endeavour in this coming week.