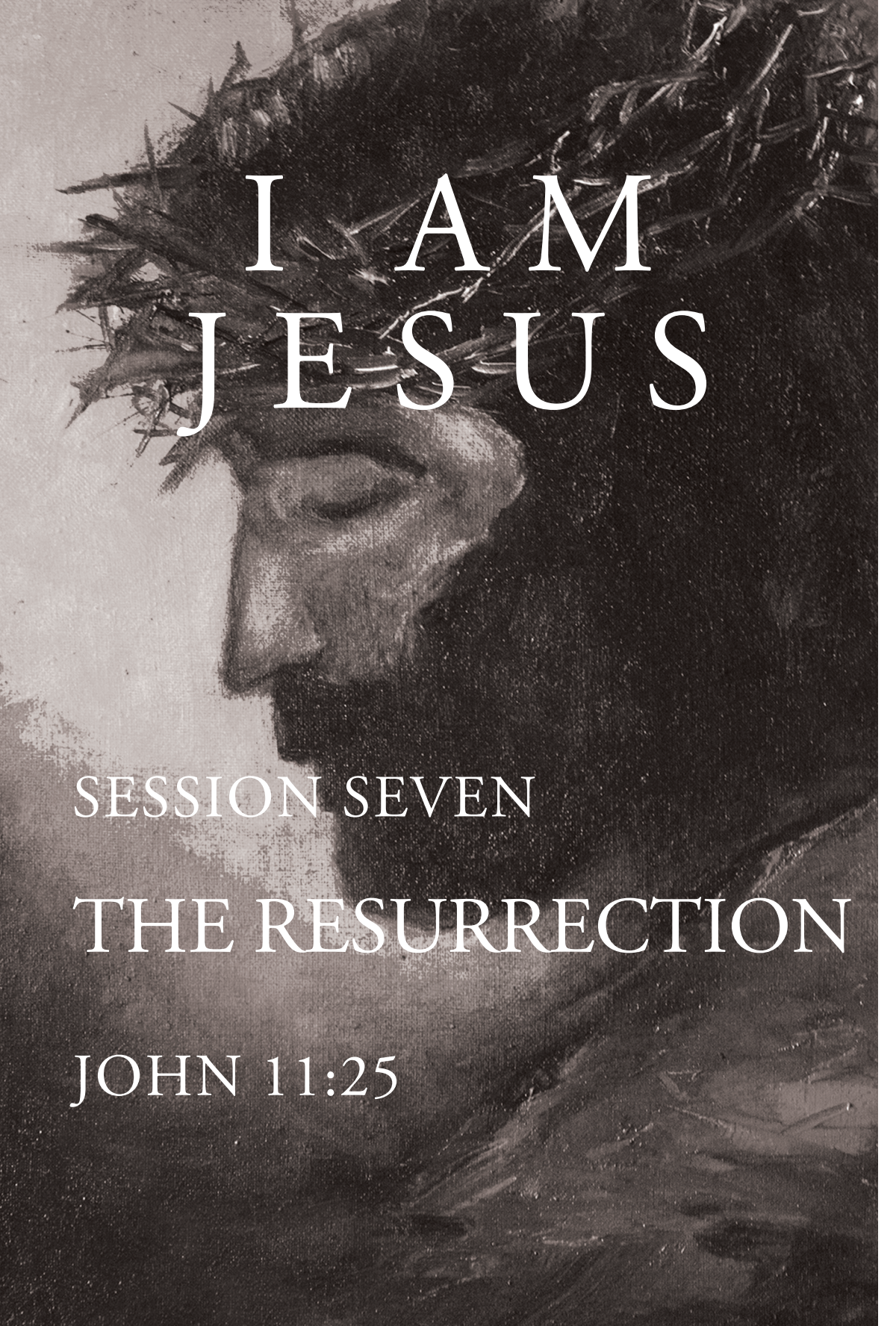


I AM JESUS

SESSION SEVEN

THE RESURRECTION

JOHN 11:25



CONNECT

During each session, we will begin with a few questions to help you connect with and get to know one another. Please take a few minutes and answer at least one of the following questions:

- What about heaven are you looking forward to the most?

- What amazes you most about the resurrection of Jesus?



DVD SESSION

This study is designed to be used with an accompanying video teaching. Please play DVD Session Seven. Use the space below for notes, questions, or comments you want to bring up in the discussion.



GROW

In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussions to help expand your knowledge on the topic of this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few of the questions to answer and discuss in your group.

Start this session by sharing one thing that caught your attention from the video teaching.

The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom… it is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven.

–N.T. Wright

1 Kyle Welch went through a long list of people in the Bible. What was the commonality between all the people on that list, and really, all people everywhere, no matter who they are or where they came from?



Read John 11:11-37

2 What is the emotion of the people in this scenario? Why do you think we mourn when someone dies? Why is death such a sad and scary thing to most people?

Read John 11:33-35

3 Why do you think Jesus responded to the people by weeping? What is different about Jesus' emotion versus the emotion of the people?

Read Mark 5:35-43, Luke 7:11-17, and John 11:38-44

4 What do these stories have in common? What do these miracles tell us about the power of Jesus?

Read John 11:23-26

5 What is Jesus saying to His listeners in this passage? Describe His statement in your own words. Share how the power of Jesus brings comfort and hope to you.



Read Romans 3:23-26, 6:1-10, and 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

6 According to these verses, what consequences came with sin? How are these consequences conquered?

7 What changes in a person's life when they die with Christ? When a person dies with Christ, what part of him/her is actually dead? What hope does dying with Christ bring to your life?

Read Romans 6:11-14

8 What does the resurrected life with Christ look like? What does it mean to be an instrument of righteousness? How does this apply to your everyday life?

9 What is the connection between Jesus' statement in John 11:25-26 and Paul's statements in Romans 6? How does this impact your perspective on life and death?

10 How are you experiencing the death and the resurrection with Jesus? What step in your life can you take with confidence that you have been raised to live a new Christ-centered life?

Deeper Study

Read John 6:35, 8:12, 10:10, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, and 15:6

11 Besides being part of the "I AM" statements, what is a common word or theme found throughout these statements?

12 Why do you think that bringing life is such an important part of Jesus' ministry?



13 What hope does life in Jesus bring to you? How would you describe this hope to someone who does not understand life with Jesus?

14 Describe the reasoning in your belief that Jesus Christ is the Great I AM.



IMPACT

One of the core principles in Life Groups is to have an impact on the community around us. In the following section, we have given you some ideas of how you can have an impact in the community both as a group and individually. Please go through and discuss how you can impact the community around you with the gospel.



- For Life Groups who are going on a break after the series, this is your last official meeting until the next series. An important aspect of your Life Group is celebrating together. We want to encourage you to plan a fun night of BBQ/potluck, movies and games with your group in celebration of all that God is doing. Don't worry about an agenda or study for this time. Relax and simply enjoy each other and fellowship with one another.

Take time this week on your own to go back and study each of the seven "I AM" statements. Choose one or two to start your study. Decide to engage in and examine what each statement means in its historical and literary context. Each statement has power and meaning.

We encourage you to use Bible study tools such as commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and study Bibles. Or you may consider online resources such as carm.org or gotquestions.org to further your study and understanding.

The more you dig in to each statement, the more you can learn how to reflect on that statement, and apply its meaning to your life. Take this information and reflect on what each statement means to you. Discover how Jesus being that "I AM" statement can bring you comfort, and encourage you to take a new step in your spiritual journey.



Please take some time to end your group in prayer. You may use the Prayer and Praise Report on the following page as you pray and close your session for this week.

But if Christ
is in you, then
even though your body
is subject to death because
of sin, the Spirit gives life because
of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him
who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to
your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

–Romans 8:10-11

PRAYER AND PRAISE REPORT

This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests, and make a note when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group.

Prayer Requests:

Praise Reports: