



BREAKING THE ICE

What are some ways that you have been staying connected to others while social distancing in the last week?

Have you made a social distancing bucket list? If so, what's on it?

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Last week Pastor Kevin continued talking about the I AM statements of Jesus. Jesus said, "I AM the vine."

1. What is one way you experienced Jesus being the vine and source for you in the last week?
2. Describe how you connected to Jesus last week by looking up, looking in and looking out? Reminder: Up - Prayer, worship, reading scripture, In - Connecting to God first (before you jump online and read the news), Around - what kind of fruit are we producing for others.

This week, Pastor Kevin spoke about how God has always been I AM and we see where He is our light in the middle of the darkness. When God asked Moses to deliver His people through the wilderness and out of Egypt, he sent a pillar of fire to light their way.

For more information about how the people of Israel were delivered through the wilderness of Egypt check out this [short video](#) from the Bible Project.

Just like God had delivered the people of Israel through the wilderness, He can do the same for us.

3. Describe a time where God has delivered you through a wilderness experience? Maybe it was a medical diagnosis, loss of a job, a financial situation or a difficult time with your family.

Pastor Kevin mentioned the dolphin skins used to make a tent (tabernacle) for the meeting. The skins had been taken from when God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites. The Israelites had been carrying the

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skins with them remembering how God had delivered them through the wilderness, these dolphin skins were a reminder of God's faithfulness during a time of despair.

4. What are some ways you can remember how God brought you through the wilderness experiences of your life (the dolphin skins of your life)?

The people of Israel had been delivered from slavery and they celebrated every year with the Feast of Passover and the Festival of Tabernacles. During the Festival of Tabernacles (also known as Sukkot), they were reminded of the tents and temporary dwellings they lived in while God was delivering them out of the wilderness. They would gather together and spend time in the tents with massive lampstands to light the way.

In John 7, we read where the Festival of Tabernacles was going on. Jesus's disciples and brothers urged Jesus to attend the Festival, to show others His miracles so they would believe. But Jesus waited, He wanted to follow the will of His father.

When Jesus did arrive at the end of the Festival he said, "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

5. How do you experience Jesus as the light of your life?

This I AM statement was bold. Jesus was saying, "I AM God, I AM light, I AM the way; the only way." He is saying, "if you follow me you will never walk in darkness and you will have the light of life."

Jesus says you don't have to walk in darkness. The closer we are to Him the more light He shines in our lives. He shines light on our problems, on our addictions; His light will dispel the darkness and illuminate the beauty of things in your life.

6. Is there something dark in your life that you need the light of Jesus to dispel? Explain.

Jesus also promises we have the light of life. That, He is with us, He will lead us and He will shine through us.

He is with us, we have His presence. When we continue to engage time with Him, He shows us the light of His love, truth and life. When you read His word, pray and spend time with Him, His light can light up any dark areas of your life.

7. What are some ways you can purposefully engage with Jesus this week to be in His presence?

With the Holy Spirit, He will lead us. He will lead our discussions, our path, our conversations and the next step. At a time in our world where there seems to be darkness, God has provided a light to help us make decisions and light up our next step and path He would have us on.

8. Explain a time where you felt the Holy Spirit lead you in a decision you had to make. What can you take from that experience to help you with your life right now?

His light will shine through us. Through sharing toilet paper and food with our neighbors, writing notes of encouragement or praying with those who need hope we can be the light. The world needs to see some light right now.

PRAYER

God, thank you for bringing light to us. Help us experience you as a light in our lives so that we can bring light to others around us. Let your peace and light shine through the darkness of things going on in the world surrounding us. Holy Spirit guide us and direct us on specific ways to show your light to others and light our path and next steps for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

For a copy of Pastor Kevin's prayer from Sunday's message, you can click [here](#) to use it in your daily prayer time. Or click [here](#) for a download on your iPhone 6-8 or [here](#) for iPhone 10 and up.

1. Make a plan to engage with Jesus this week. Write it out, text it to a friend or group member, follow through with it. If you need help coming up with a Bible plan check <https://www.biblegateway.com/> for a verse of the day, <https://www.youversion.com/> to find a reading plan or ask your group members what they are doing.

2. Pray the prayer linked above every day to find peace right now.

3. Let His light shine through you for others this week. Make a list of things you can do for others while social distancing. Ideas could include: make a treat for your neighbor and deliver to their doorstep, plan a Facetime with friends and pray together or send a note of encouragement or prayer to someone who