

## Sermon Outline

### ***I AM* Series: I Am the Light of the World**

John 8:12

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**Main Idea:** Who is Jesus? In this series we will take seven weeks to look at Jesus' seven metaphorical "I Am" statements recorded in the Gospel of John. In doing so we will hear Jesus describe who he is and what a relationship with him offers to all who believe in Him.

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- I. A Metaphor
- II. A Claim

#### **Key Quotes:**

*"All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* John 1:3-5

"What color is an orange? What color is an orange in the dark? You can't tell in the dark because the color orange does not emanate from it, orange is reflected from it when light shines on it. Objects are not the source of their color, light is. Without light, everything is black. The purity is found in the light itself. Jesus is not only pointing people to light, he is the source of light. Jesus himself is the true source of life." - Kevin Rogers

#### **Fellowship Starters:**

1. Read John 1:1-5, 9-14 and 1 John 1:5-9 and open in prayer.
2. The Gospel of John reveals 7 instances (the 7 "*I Am's*") were Jesus spoke metaphorically about himself so that we might better understand who he is. In John 8:58 Jesus spoke in absolute terms, claiming to be the great '*I AM,*' Yahweh, the God of Israel. Discuss the importance of these claims as the foundation of our Christian faith, witness and hope.
3. Discuss the metaphor of light and the different ways that Kevin sought to inform us about what it says about Christ: *Light reveals truth; Light exposes things that are hidden and Light gives life.*
4. Discuss ways that Jesus has empowered you to turn from darkness, escaping its power, and walk in the light.
5. Where needed, give space for those who are struggling with sin and need the love, care and encouragement from the group to point them continually to Christ where they can find the power, strength and conviction to turn from the darkness of remaining sin and walk in the newness of life that we have through faith in Christ.
6. Close your time in prayer for one another. Ask God to do a deep work in each of your lives through the *I Am* series.