

With fall just around the corner - and hopefully, cooler temps - The Well is ready to kick off our fall study!

As I've worked my way through *Finding I Am*, I get more and more excited to share it with all of you — it has the potential to change the way you look and think about Jesus. I really hope y'all will dig into this study and as a sneak preview, here's one of the first things I've gotten out of it...

Life can be really hard and it's easy to feel left out, forgotten, tolerated for what you can do for someone instead of being wanted for who you are. Would it surprise you to know that's how Jesus was seen by most of the people who came to see Him? Most of the people who came out to hear Him preach were only there for the show...the miracles...how Jesus could make them feel. They completely missed the point – missed who He was. Jesus is all we need, but more than that, He desires to be all we want.

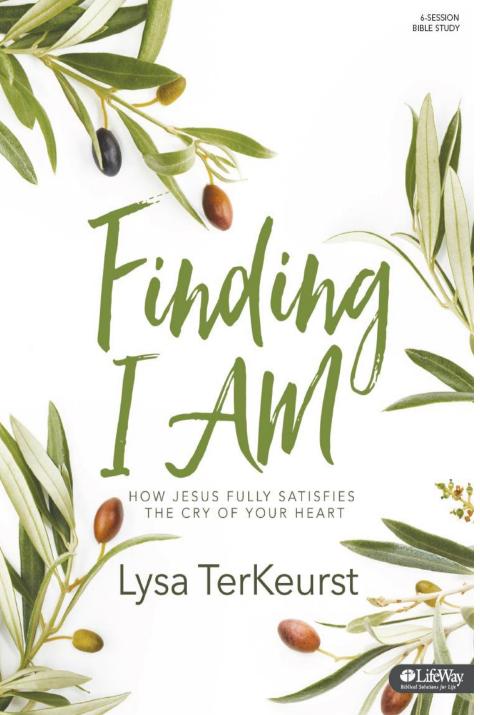
Make no mistake, God is I AM. He is absolutely all we need, but He delights in us not only needing Him but also wanting Him.

- Finding I AM, Page 12

So, the next time you feel forgotten and unappreciated, remember that Jesus stepped out of heaven and into human flesh, so He knows how you're feeling. And He always wants to spend time with you.

See you September 8th!!

Catherine



## Announcing our Fall Study, Lysa TerKeurst's Finding I Am

What is the deep cry of your heart? The ache in your soul just waiting to be fulfilled? The prayer you keep repeating without end? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

Join **Lysa TerKeurst** on the streets of Israel to explore the I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John, ultimately trading feelings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is in this in-depth Bible study.

Books will be available at The Well's table in the lobby on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> for just \$10.

The schedule for this Fall's study is as follows:

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Finding I Am – Introductory

(Sept 9-14<sup>th</sup> – homework for I Am the Bread of Life)

Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: I Am the Bread of Life

(Sept 16-21st – homework for I Am the Light of the World)

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: I Am the Light of the World

(Sept 23-28<sup>th</sup> – homework for I Am the Gate and

I Am the Good Shepherd)

Sept 29<sup>th</sup>: Service Project

(Sept 29-Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – con't homework for Gate/Shepherd)

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: I Am the Gate/I am the Good Shepherd

(Oct 7-12<sup>th</sup> – homework for I Am the Resurrection & the Life / I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life)

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: I Am the Resurrection and the Life

I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life

(Oct 14-19<sup>th</sup> – homework for I Am the True Vine)

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: I Am the True Vine

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: The Well works in the Pumpkin Patch as a group

(dates subject to change as the season progresses)











2025 Summer Service Project
"Uh Oh Bags" Packing Party
We came, we ate, we talked, we
had fun.....and packed close to
100 Uh Oh Bags for our area high
schools and middle schools!
THANK YOU to all who were
involved in any way to make this
special project a success!













# Back to School? The Bible Says There's a Time For Everything by Bethany Staines, The Salvation Army

There are so many different emotions linked with going back to school: excitement, anticipation, anxiety, peace, or disappointment because summer is over. This year, as I move into Year 10 and I begin my GCSEs, there are things that I'm looking forward to, like the history school trip or hopefully going on the Spanish exchange. Yes, I would prefer to live in an endless summer holiday, but unfortunately that is unrealistic.

I hope you'll see where I'm going with this. In everyone's lives, there are different seasons that God plans and there are different ways to feel as God calls us into a new season or school year. As Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 says:

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens; a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot.'

And so the chapter goes on, listing the different periods God created with intention. God didn't make a one-color monochromatic world, where every day consists of just planting, because the Bible says that there is a time to plant and a time to uproot. Or, to put it into context, God didn't create a life where every day consists of just Year 3 spelling tests – there is a time for spelling tests, but there is also a time for running around on the field!

God plans seasons with purpose. There is a season of rest – for instance, the school holidays – and a season of work – for example, going back to school. God uses seasons of our lives – school years, particular jobs, relationships, etc. – to mold us into the people that he intends us to be. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says:

'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.'

This confirms that God has a perfect plan for everyone's life, and he has mapped out each season, each school year, with a purpose. That means that, as we start this new academic year, no matter how much we will miss the last season or last school year, we can trust God. As we move into the next season of our lives, he will be with us through whatever he has planned.



## Resources

## Rocky River Church Bible Study

- Every Wednesday night in RRC's Worship Center from 7:00-8:15pm
- If you can't make it on Wednesdays or you need to miss a night, you can access the audio playback at the link below.
- Pastor Jimmy does an incredible job of bringing Scripture to life by adding the context of history and culture to the study.
  RRC Bible Study

## **Faith Gateway**

- Last chance to join Lisa Harper's A Jesus Shaped Life online Bible Study that starts August 11th
- ➤ Back to School Sale up to 55% off plus 15% off \$50 sitewide with code: CHALK
- New release Praying with Women of the Bible for 30 Days is on sale for \$13.99
- #1 gift for teachers, Max Lucado's *Pocket Prayers for Teachers* is now 54% off for a 5-pack at \$30 FaithGateway

## **Grace Over Fear Sisterhood Facebook Page**

Where strong women get real about faith, fear, and everything in between. This is a private space for women who love Jesus and are done letting fear run the show. We're here to grow in faith, encourage one another, and fight life's battles together – with prayer, purpose and a whole lot of grace. Think of this group as your safe space for:

- Real talk + real support
- Faith-filled motivation
- Spiritual growth + practical tools
- A whole sisterhood that's cheering you on!

**Grace Over Fear Sisterhood** 

## Faith Women's Ministry Facebook Page

We are a group of women that love serving God and serving others. We want to dig deeper into what God has for us so that we can be there for each other and others. To be His hands and heart in a world that is hurting.

Faith Women's Ministry

## Women of Grace & Men of Valor Facebook Page

We invite you to join a group of strong men and women of God who build each other up through their faith, the Word, and in fellowship. Regardless of where you are in your walk with God, you have a place here. We believe "For it is by grace you have saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God..." Ephesians 2:8

Women of Grace & Men of Valor

# **Upcoming Events in Our Area**

### Gracefully Broken Ladies Conference & Vendor Market, Greater Life Baptist Church, Charlotte, Sept 6th

This event will bring ladies together in all seasons of life for a special day to connect with other ladies, gain encouragement, and grow in their walk with the Lord.

**Gracefully Broken** 

## Faithfest NC 2025, Wilkesboro, NC, September 12-13th

Enjoy music from today's top Christian artists, great food and fun activities for the whole family. Featuring Zach William, Josiah Queen, Greg Laurie, Phil Wickham, Charity Gayle and more.

**FaithFestNC** 

## Steven Curtis Chapman Speechless '25, Lee Park Church, Monroe, September 13th, 7:00pm

Steven Curtis Chapman is coming to Monroe this fall to celebrate 25 years of his album Speechless. Sign up now to receive exclusive presale access.

**Steven Curtis Chapman Speechless** 

## Joytime 2025 – Ladies Retreat @ Richard Childress Racing, Lexington, NC, September 26-27th

**Friday night** (7-10pm) features worship with Weaver Family Worship, comedy with Heath Arthur and an encouraging message by Dr. Joy Greene. Registration includes bottled water and our famous Joytime cupcakes.

**Saturday morning** (9-12pm) features worship with Guilford, an interview with Tasha Layton, a special prayer by Ar'Miah, a message from Dr. Joy and a concert with Tasha Layton. Registration includes coffee and muffins.

You can register to attend both Friday night and Saturday morning OR one or the other.

Joytime2025

# Big Daddy Weave, Let It Begin Fall Tour, Kannapolis Performing Arts Center, October 8th, 7:00pm

Joining Big Daddy Weave is Megan Woods (The Truth) as well as Grammy-winning songwriter and vocalist, David Leonard. Together, they will weave an evening of uplifting lyrics, vibrant worship, and intimate storytelling, crafting a space for faith, renewal, and connection. Whether you're drawn by the soul-stirring ballads, worship anthems, or the warm camaraderie of the live performance, this concert promises to speak to both the heart and the spirit.

**BigDaddyWeave** 

## Lysa TerKeurst's Trust Again Tour, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, November 14th

More about this as we get closer but we would love to attend this as a group! As you now know, we will be studying Lysa's Finding I Am this fall and the study will end just a couple of weeks before this event. I'd say that's divine timing!

TrustAgainTour

