



## STUDY GUIDE – April 5, 2020

**Message Title: The Way**  
**Teaching Pastor: Angie Frame**

*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

What is the one thing you are secretly pleased that you don't have to do now that you are social distancing?

What is one blessing you are most surprised about during this quarantine?

### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, thank you for your Presence as we go deeper in our understanding of your Word. Thank you for the beautiful gift of being able to draw near to You as a community. Please clear our hearts and minds of what is going on around us, and give us renewed understanding of the abundant life we have in you.

### **Get Started:**

Pastor Angie spoke of Jesus being the way the truth and the life (John 14) and that He came so that we may have life, and have it to the full (John 10).

### **Read 1 John 5:12**

Also read the following passage from Dallas Willard's [The Divine Conspiracy](#):

You must find the goodness of God and the fellowship of Jesus in who you are, or your love for the Father and his unique Son cannot become the foundation for a life of abundance/obedience. They desire to dwell with you in your life and make glorious every aspect of it, in the light of the whole, that God has planned (John 14).

Do you believe the abundant life that Jesus provides is accessible during a time of crisis and if so, what does it look like?

### **Watch and Discuss video:**

Pastor Angie spoke of another I AM statement in the video.

### **Read John 15:1-2**

### **Read Hebrews 12:11**

How does the pruning process show God's love and/or are there any areas of your life that you want to share that God has pruned? Perhaps take a couple of minutes for people to process their response. Be comfortable with a little silence to allow for people to think.

### **Reflect and Commit:**

We discussed two powerful I AM statements already that give us identity in Christ no matter what we are facing. The Psalms were often written during really hard times, and solace was found in the writer knowing God's character deeply.

**Read Psalm 86:11-13**

Jesus is the fulfillment of “your way” in this scripture.

How can the fear mentioned in this verse cast out the other kind of fear we are experiencing?

We can take comfort knowing that God is unchanging, that the same God that the psalmist cried out to, sees and hears us today in our time of trouble.

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, thank you for being an unchanging God, from everlasting to everlasting. We are so grateful that as we dive deeper into our understanding of who You are, we can also understand our unique identities in You more clearly. Thank you, Jesus, for the abundant life that You have already prepared for us, both here and for eternity, and for the comfort that comes from knowing You.