



Harbor Trinity Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: I Am: Before Abraham Was

Scripture: John 8:48-59; Exodus 3

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1. One of the questions we asked in Alpha is, “Who is Jesus?” How do you answer that question? Is there a time in your life when you gave a different answer?
2. There are seven “I Am” statements within the Gospel of John: I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:22-59), I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12-30), I Am The Door (John 10:1-10), I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-21), I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:1-44), I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:1-14), and I Am the True Vine (John 15:1-17). Did you know these statements were within the Gospel of John? How familiar are you with them?
3. To understand the significance of Jesus’ “I Am” statements, we must go back to Exodus 3. Let’s take a moment to read this chapter together. Exodus 3:14 is the direct statement Jesus uses each time He says, “I am.” Why is this important?
4. The Jews criticize Jesus and say, “you are a Samaritan and have a demon” (John 8:48). What criticisms do you hear when others speak of Jesus? How do you respond? How did Jesus respond (John 8:49-51)?
5. Consider the magnitude of the promise that Jesus makes in John 8:51. Is this a statement that any good or moral teacher can make?
6. What is the comparison and contrast that Jesus uses between “my Father” (John 8:54-55) and “your father” (John 8:56)?
7. Jesus provides a prelude to His preexistence in John 8:56. Why did Abraham rejoice at the day of Jesus?
8. “Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58). The language of this verse is important. Jesus could have said, “Before Abraham was, I was.” Instead, he said, “I am.” Why does this matter in relation to time?
9. We would be remiss if we did not read John 1:1-18. John’s introduction to his gospel, also serves as a great announcement of Jesus’ preexistence. Let’s read and reflect together.
10. As we look ahead to Good Friday, it is important to remember John 5:18. “This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.” The Jews clearly understood what Jesus meant when He said the words above. Do we?