Jesus. IAM

HomeGroup Discussion Questions
Week 1: Jan 2-8

Who is Jesus to you? This is arguably the most important question we could answer. To some, Jesus was a wise man or religious teacher from long ago. To others, he was a prophet. Of course, to Christians, Jesus is none other that the Son of God— the Messiah, or Christ. As we step into a new year, what better time could there be than this to sharpen our understanding of who Jesus is? Who did Jesus say he is? For starters, Jesus is the one who declared, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Main Texts: Exodus 2:23-3:15 and John 8:12-59

CONNECT

1. How was Christmas and New Year's for you? What did you do?

2. Have you made any New Year's resolutions? What are you hoping for in 2021?

3. What did you find most significant in this week's sermon?

LEARN

4. Read Exodus 2:23 through 3:11. What verbs stand out, especially in 2:23-25 and 3:7-11?

5. As you look at these verses in Exodus, what ideas or words remind us of Jesus? If you are able, think of specific examples from Jesus' life and ministry.

6. Exodus 3:14 is famously difficult to grasp, but the context can help guide our thoughts. For a people being enslaved, brutally treated, and even killed, what significance could the description of God as "I AM" have had for Moses and the people of Israel?

7. Read John 8:12-59. Where do you see the tension escalate in the interaction between Jesus and the religious authorities?

APPLY

8. Think of the various ideas in our day and culture about "God" or a divine being. How do they compare with the I AM described in our passages this week?

9. Fill in the following phrase with the words below taken from Exodus:
"*I AM the one who _____.*" Which are most meaningful to you right now? Why?

- *hears*
- *remembers his covenant*
- *sees*

- *knows*
- *has come down*

- *has sent a deliverer*
- *is with you*

10. Some skeptics argue that Jesus never claimed to be divine or the Son of God. How could John 8:58-59 (with the verses from Exodus in mind as well) be used to respond to that argument?