

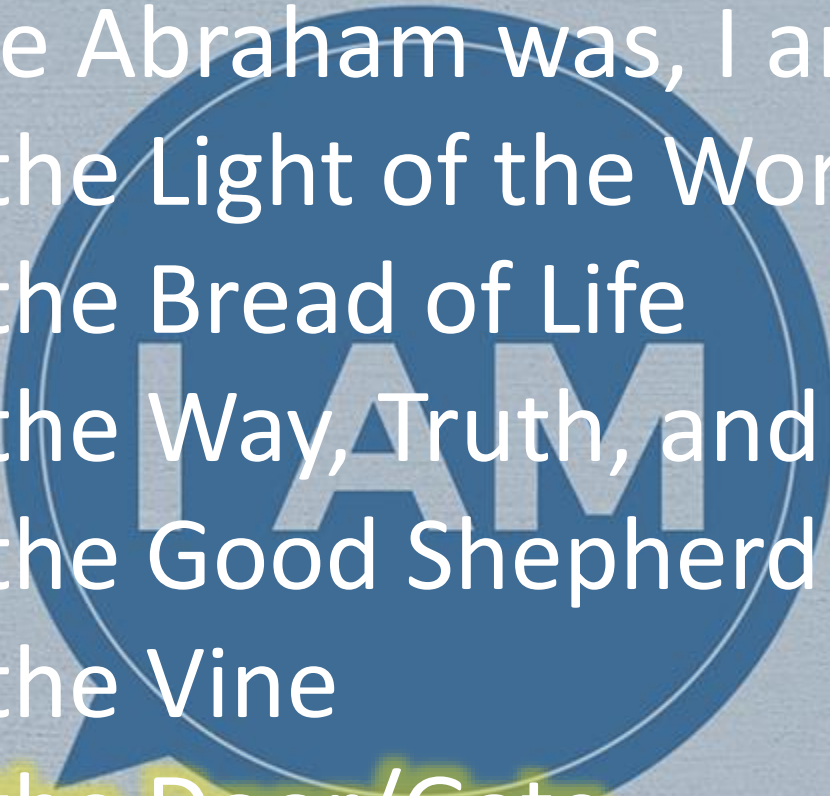
JOURNEY together



**Disciples
growing together
in small groups**



Jesus in His own Words

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- Session 1 – Before Abraham was, I am
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- Session 3 – I am the Bread of Life
- Session 4 – I am the Way, Truth, and Life
- Session 5 – I am the Good Shepherd
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- Session 8 – I am the Resurrection & Life

Step 1: GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?

What struggles did you face?

What can you share from your personal Bible reading?

Where did you see God in your daily life?

Explain if you like your door to your office/room open or closed when you are inside.

Share a story from your past when a pet ran out of your front door or gate in your yard.

Step 2: GET FED

John 10:1-10

What do you think is the purpose of a sheep pen and its door?

How does Jesus describe Himself in this passage?

What is His purpose and how does it benefit the sheep?

Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Peter 5:8

What is the goal of the enemy/thief/devil?

How do we begin to combat this problem?

According to the above passages, what happens to a sheep who is not in the protection of the door?

What does the sheep need to do in order to receive the benefit of the door?

Step 2: GET FED

2 Samuel 22:3-4, Psalm 138:7, 2 Thessalonians 3:3

According to these passages, what is one of the purposes of God?

How have you received God's protection in the past?

Describe the hope, peace, and comfort you felt in this protection.

How does this give you encouragement for the future?

Deuteronomy 31:6, Matthew 28:20b, Romans 8:31

How do these passages bring you encouragement and hope against the enemy's attack?

How might we, as Jesus' sheep, learn to be more attentive to His voice and less easily deceived by those who seek to harm us?

Describe how you understand God's protection for you.

What is something you can do to better trust in God's protection?

Step 2: GET FED / dig deeper

John 10:3-5, John 16:13

How do these passages connect together?

We are to live a life that is full of God; a Spirit-filled life as it is described in John 10:10. What do you think a Spirit-filled life looks like and how do we live a Spirit-filled life?

How does a person who is living a Spirit-filled life truly trust in the protection that Jesus offers?

What are some ways in which you can practice hearing from the Shepherd throughout your day?

How does the Holy Spirit speak to you?

What does obedience look like for you?

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

Brainstorm and Pray: *There are many who have not walked through “the door” of safety and security that you have in Jesus. As a group think of some people you could invite to your small group that would benefit from a community of believers.*

