

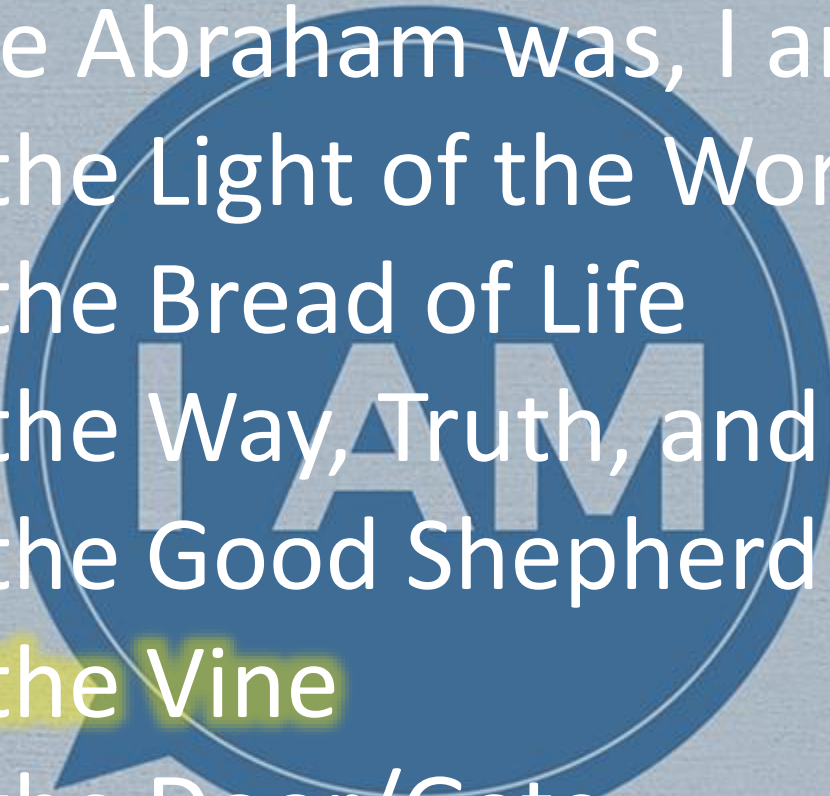
JOURNEY together



**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 4 – I am the Way, Truth, and Life
- Session 5 – I am the Good Shepherd
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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?

Discuss if you have a “green thumb” or not.

What is your favorite juice and why?

Step 2: GET FED

John 15:1-7

What are the four components of the metaphor that Jesus uses in these verses?

Provide a definition of what those four components mean.

How do each of the components work with and affect one another?

How does this metaphor help us to better understand fruit bearing in the Kingdom of God?

What are some things that hinder us from connecting to the vine?

Galatians 5:16-21

What are some activities of people not connected to the vine?

Share how you have experienced this unconnected life?

How does your unconnected life compare to your now connected life?



Step 2: GET FED

Matthew 7:16-20, Galatians 5:22-23

According to these passages, what are some of the aspects of a life that is connected to God?

How are these descriptions of a life connected to God so much different than a life that is disconnected from God?

James 2:14-26

According to this passage, if a believer is truly connected to the vine, what sort of fruit manifests in their life?

Describe how any deed done in love is greater than simply doing a nice thing or an obligatory service?

Step 2: GET FED

1 Corinthians 13:13, 1 John 4:7-21

According to these passages, why would a person connected to God have love evident in their life?

What are some steps you can take to be more connected to God?

How would being more connected to other believers help you in this process?



I AM

Step 2: GET FED / dig deeper

Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37-40

What is the greatest commandment that God has given us?

John 15:9-17, 1 John 4:16

Why do you think God would ask us to show love to each other?

How does the evidence of God's love in our lives make us more obedient to Him?

What characteristic of God is the catalyst for His greatest commandment to us (1 Jn 4:16)?

John 13:34-35

According to this passage, how are we to share Jesus?

What is one way that you can show the love of God this week to someone that you know?

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

Serve the community: It is our desire to see the members of our small groups serve in their communities

Serving in your community is a way for you and your small group to be a light in your neighborhood. It is often noted, "Preach always, and if necessary, use words." The point is that we are walking witnesses of our relationship with Jesus as we become His hands and feet to the world.