

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# I Am

***John 8:31-47NIV; Luke 6:45 NIV***

1. What is one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
  
2. Share a story about a purchase that you regretted and why.
  
3. In reading John 8:31-47, Jesus speaks to the religious leaders about what they needed to be set free from. In this passage, he also states that they are not able to hear this truth because of who their father is. In the examples provided below, how can we be redeemed, set free or lead others to experience the same thing?
  - a. A continual and repeated struggle or reoccurring sin.
  
  - b. Bitterness and/or anger towards a close friend or family member.
  
  - c. Hurt or pain caused by unhealthy behaviors and habits.

## **Digging Deeper:**

4. Read Luke 6:45 together and discuss what your thoughts are on this scripture spoken to us by Jesus. For our hearts to be redeemed or set free we need the love and power of Jesus to be our focus and ask him to be the Lord of our life. What are some things you struggle to give full surrender over to Jesus? Why? What lie or rationalization do we typically have to keep these decisions/behaviors in our life?

- a. If you feel lead and feel comfortable, will you share with your home group of a struggle you overcame and how Jesus was a crucial part to that freedom.
  - b. Also please read, James 5:16 and share your thoughts on the power of confessing sins to one another. Why do you think this is so difficult for Christians to do?
  
5. Pastor Terry asked that we pray a prayer of surrender every day this week. (Prayer is provided below.) How as a home group can we invite Jesus in and help each other through these circumstances that we need set free from? Is there anything you are going through right now that your home group could be praying for and helping with, if they only knew about it?

Heavenly Father

I surrender myself to you.

My hands, my feet.

My eyes, my ears.

My thoughts and desires.

My hopes and dreams.

My time, my talent.

My opportunities.

I surrender all.

Your will be done through me today.

