

I AM

JESUS IN HIS OWN WORDS

Before Abraham Was

Week 8 | John 8:48-59

Jesus Christ makes seven "I am" statements, recorded in the Gospel of John, that reveal to us his mission for the world, his love for his people, and his passion for his **glory**.

Gospel Communities are a people that are sharing **Christ** and **life** with one another.

These communities are designed to foster a family-like environment through the means of eating together, praying for each other, and sharing our lives with one another.

At the same time, Gospel Communities are purposefully centered on the gospel, as it is the gospel that provides all measures of growth. Therefore, as you read the passage of Scripture, be sure to note how this text connects with the rest of the Bible and points to the good news of Jesus Christ.

BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

What is something true about you that's hard to believe?

Read **John 8:48-59**.

Summarize the passage in your own words. How does this text connect to the gospel? What else stands out to you?



Look at Exodus 3. When Jesus makes this "I am" statement, what is it that he is saying about himself? What does this claim mean for the Jews in light of the Old Testament?



What does this claim mean for us today? What bearing does Jesus' claim have on your life personally?



Do you believe that you can trust with certainty that Jesus is who he says he is? How will this truth reflect the way you live and the conversations you have this week?

BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?