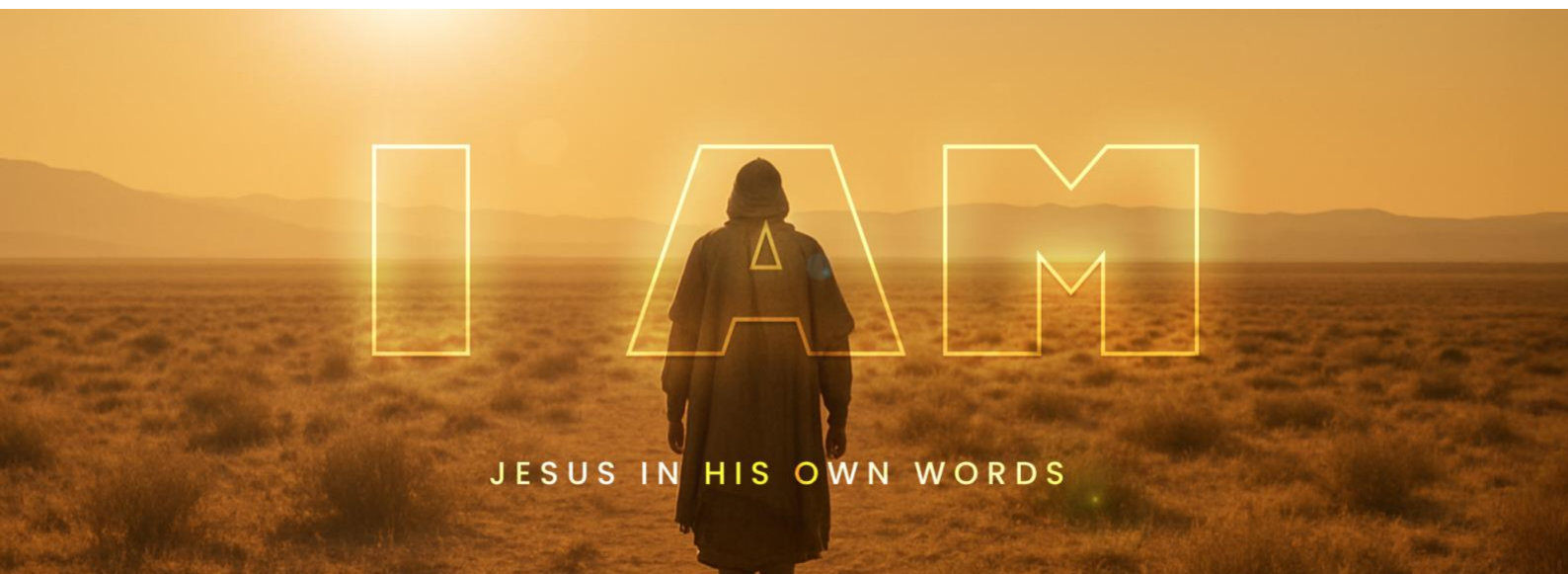




Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Read John 10:1-18 again. What phrases/ words or ideas struck you as you reread the passage tonight?
- In the passage, Jesus speaks of himself being the Shepherd whose sheep know his voice. How do his people hear his voice? How do we distinguish between his voice, your voice and the voice of the enemy? What is the role of Scripture in this?
- In our radically individualistic world, we're familiar with the idea of working hard to get where we need to go. How does this passage challenge this belief

in self-reliance? Are there any areas of your life you need to submit (or re-submit) to Jesus' leadership?

- Jesus calls us by name, protects us, leads us and lays down his life for us. Which of these aspects of Christ's good shepherding resonates most with you tonight? Why?

- What does this passage tell us about the heart of the Father? cf. v.18