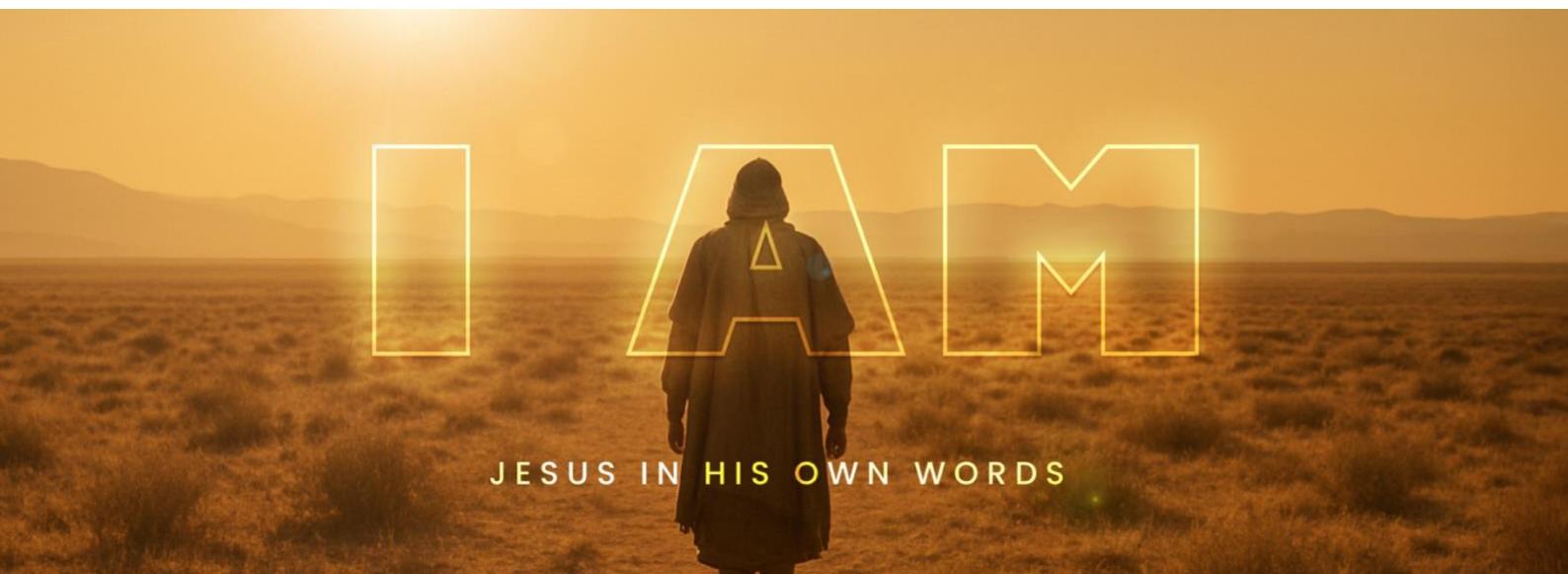




Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- 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.

- What struck you most from this message?
- Every branch needs pruning in order to bear fruit. What is that fruit? And who is Jesus to us? What do we receive when we receive him?
- What does Jesus mean when he says "you are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you"? How does this relate to us being works in progress and at the same time being secure in Jesus?
- Jesus commands us to abide in his love. Consider how being so radically loved by God might change how you view God, yourself, and your being a work in progress. Pray for one another.

