Jesus Is "I Am" John 14:6-7 Al Gascon | October 1, 2023

John 6 32-35	John 14:6-7
John 8:12; 9:5	John 15:1, 5-6*
John 10:7-10	John 18:3-7*
John 10:11-15	John 8:51-59
John 11:25-26	John 8:21-24, 28

Quote of the week — In the many "I am" sayings Jesus is publicly applying the divine name of God—and God's authoritative presence— to himself. No prophet or priest in Israelite history would have ever done this. For Judaism, it is the most severe Christological affirmation of all, leading audiences in the gospel either to believe in Jesus or accuse him of blasphemy. — G.M Burge

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- a. In your opinion which "I am" statement is the clearest declaration of God by Jesus?
- b. Which "I am" statement gives you the most comfort in your personal relationship with God?
- c. Why do you think God didn't reveal his name as YHWH in Genesis to Adam, Noah, Abraham, and the others?
- d. Jesus said he was: bread, life, light, the shepherd, the door, and the vine. What are some similarities you can think of between Jesus and these statements he made about himself?
- e. What do you think was going through the mind of Judas and the soldiers when they somehow fell to the ground when Jesus declared "I am" in their midst?