

HOPE

A Good Place to Find Life

Summer Small Group Discussion Guide — June 14 - August 9, 2026

- Series: “I AM”
 - Sermon: _____
 - Scripture: _____
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This summer, we will explore some of the powerful “I Am” statements Jesus made about Himself. Through these claims, Jesus reveals His identity, His mission, and His invitation to us. Although each week focuses on a different statement, these questions will help us discover what Jesus wants us to know about Him and how His words shape the way we live, trust, and follow Him today.

We’ve included enough Apply questions for you to “pick and choose” each week and keep it fresh. Please do not feel that you need to cover every question each week.

CONNECT

- Where did you see God this week? Share about that experience and any way it has affected you.
- Find more icebreaker questions in your Group Leader Manual, p. 23.

ENGAGE

1. Read the passage together. Complete this sentence: Jesus said “I AM the _____.”
 - What stands out to you from the passage?
 - What images or thoughts would have come to mind for those who heard Jesus make this claim?
 - What need, struggle, or longing is Jesus addressing?
 - How do people respond to Jesus in this passage? (You may need to read the surrounding verses to find this information.)
2. For deeper understanding:
 - Why is this specific “I Am” statement significant?
 - What does this teach us about Jesus’s character and mission?
 - What does this passage reveal about our need for Jesus, and how does He meet that need?

APPLY

1. Where do you most relate to this passage right now?
2. How should this truth shape the way we live? What might need to change in our thoughts or actions?
3. What competing voices or promises do people often look to instead of Jesus for this need or longing?
4. Complete this sentence, based on Jesus's statement in this week's passage:

Because Jesus said, 'I am _____,

then I am _____.

5. What is one specific thing you want to remember, believe, or do differently because of this passage?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for these words that show us who you are, how you meet our every need, and why you are worthy of all our worship. We are so grateful that You came to us, Jesus, to rescue us from darkness and bring us into your Kingdom of light and life. We love you and we're so grateful you loved us first. Amen.

GOING DEEPER

As we learn more about who Jesus is this summer, look for opportunities to reflect His love to those around you. Make it a goal to get to know your neighbors, learn their stories, and invest in meaningful conversations. Pray for opportunities to share the hope you've found in Christ and trust God to open doors as you faithfully love the people He has placed around you.