

"Knowing Jesus More Intimately Through His Names"

Week 3: Session Guide

***"Be still, and know that I am God."
Psalm 46:10 (ESV)***

2024 Morning Women's Bible Study at The Cove

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As we seek Jesus through the declaration of His names, turn to John 10 where the third and fourth “I Am” statements Jesus made about Himself can be found. Each of Jesus’ seven “**I Am**” statements identify an aspect of Himself as well as the spiritual needs of mankind.

John 10:9: “**I Am the** _____ / _____; whoever enters through me will _____ . They will come in and go out and find pasture.”

John 10:11: “**I Am the** _____ . The Good Shepherd _____ .”

“May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.”
2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NIV)

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Week 3: Growth Opportunity

Day 1: This week we will look at two more of the **I Am** statements found in John's Gospel. Begin your time today by reading John 10:1-21. This is a *wonderful* passage of Scripture. Take time to sit and savor God's truths found in this passage. Write out things that are noteworthy: blessings, promises, cautions—whatever the Holy Spirit draws your attention to: _____

The third **I Am** statement is found in John 10:9: "**I Am** _____."

What are the promises that accompany this I Am statement? _____

God declares His love for you through this I Am statement. What is He saying to you? _____

Conclude your time in a prayer of praise for His unfathomable, undeniable, unending... *love for YOU!*

Day 2: Turn again to John 10:7-10. What does Jesus offer you? _____

Acts 4:12 states: "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*" In John 3:16, what made this gift of salvation a reality? _____

Indeed, God loves us so much. This truth must be embraced in faith as fact in order to encounter Jesus.

In John 10:10, Jesus stresses that a predator exists; who is he and how is he described? _____

What is this predator's threefold pursuit? _____

Satan hates God, and since he cannot dethrone God, he targets those who are God's: Believers. The Greek word for "thief" used in this passage means "one who steals." What do you think this thief desires to steal from believers; to invade, seize, or carry away? _____

Why? _____

James 4:7 and 8 instruct believers with a twofold stance when the thief is in pursuit: _____

What does this look like; to "resist"? _____

How do we “draw near” to God? _____

What is essential to hold onto? (see Philippians 2:16) _____

How can this occur? _____

Now look at Philippians 4:13. What is the promise? _____

As we conclude today with a focus on the Shepherd, and the thief, Ephesians 6:10-18 instructs believers on how to “dress” spiritually as one in God’s flock. Envision what this would look like as you put each item on at the Shepherd’s instruction. We are protected, victorious as we draw near to Him.

Day 3: The fourth **I Am** statement is sure to be a *delightful* encounter with Jesus. It’s found in John 10:11:

“**I Am** the _____. Read John 10:11-18. What characterizes our Good Shepherd?

How can God’s sheep discern the Good Shepherd’s voice? This is important, as the thief is sly in implementing “Deadly D” schemes to: Distract and Discourage, as well as to stir feelings of Defeat, and Doubt in God.

Some verses to consider:

John 8:32 _____

Romans 8:1 _____

Psalms 119:105 _____

Isaiah 40:8 _____

1 Thessalonians 2:13 _____

1 Peter 1:23 _____

John 10:10 _____

God’s Word is timeless, guiding, bears fruit, does not condemn, yields peace, is lifegiving, and is consistent. Close in prayer; consider thanking God for the realities of His Word, Jesus (John 1:1).

Day 4: Today is a day for a spiritual walk with the Shepherd. Turn to Psalm 23. Will you walk with your Shepherd through this passage, inviting Him to speak into your life as your Good Shepherd, as well as thanking Him for His loving care for you, His sheep, as declared in this passage?

Thoughts and reflections: _____

Day 5: In looking at this week's two **I Am** statements, write them out again: John 10:9 – **I Am** _____,
and John 10:11 – **I Am** _____. What have you learned about Jesus
this week through these two declarations regarding who He is? _____

What does Psalm 46:10 exhort us to do? _____

May you enjoy this journey and delight in discovering a deeper intimacy with Jesus.

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