

## Liberty Baptist Church Scripture Reflections

# I AM JESUS (Part 1)

Small Group Discussion

This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [www.experienceliberty.org](http://www.experienceliberty.org) and select the Sermon title listed above.

Sermon Bible Verses: John 8: 53-58

**We always have to answer the question of who Jesus is. That question can be answered in two ways, personally and Biblically. If our relationship is correct with Jesus, then the answer we give is aligned both personally and Biblically. Jesus questioned his disciples in regard to his mission and what he meant to them personally. "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" (Matt 16:13)"**

*John 8:53 "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"*

- Who were the pharisees and why were they so against Jesus? What was the other ruling religious party at this time?
- How would you answer the question the Pharisees asked Jesus "Who do you make yourself out to be?" Is there a difference in how others define you and how you define yourself?
- If you were to make a list of how you want others to perceive you, what comes first on the list? What else might be on the list?

*John 8:58-59 "Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM". Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

- Consider questions you get asked when you meet someone for the first time. At what point, if any in your initial conversation, does the subject of Jesus arise? If Jesus becomes a topic, who usually initiates the conversation?
- Jesus identified Himself and the people wanted to kill him. Have any in this room experienced persecution for your beliefs, identifying yourself as a Child of God, or giving a testimony? Why do many Christians fear when repercussions are so minimum in the United States?
- How do we know God and Abraham knew one another? See Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 17. This covenant is one of 5 (for our purposes) in scripture. Can you name the other 4? (*Edenic, Noahic, Mosaic, Davidic*)

*Exodus 3:13. Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

- How can we relate to God as "I Am"?
- Think about Moses and all he had to mentally absorb when God showed up. What changes occurred in his life that might parallel the changes in your life when you met God?
- What was the "Wow" factor for you that changed your life for Christ? Was it a burning bush moment?

**God told Moses to remove his sandals from his feet. The ground they were on became holy when God showed up.**

- How do we view the church on Sunday? Describe your church experience on any given Sunday in regard to your understanding of its holiness.
- Is holiness an outward or inward expression?

*Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

- What is the writer of Hebrews telling us about Jesus through this verse?
- What comfort does this bring to us as believers?