

# I AM

*"Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." – John 4:26  
In each of these statements, Jesus claims to be God, the Great I AM.  
In this series, **we want to meet Jesus.***

## **September 24 – I AM (John 4:1-45)**

Main Idea: An encounter with the I AM nourishes the deepest parts of our souls.

Heart Change: We would meet Jesus rather than just know about him.

### **Open**

Our study of the Gospel of John is about meeting Jesus. We don't want to learn about him, we want to know him more deeply.

What are some of the differences between an acquaintance and friend?

How do we know when someone in our life moved from acquaintance to friend?

### **Reflect**

Please have someone or several people read John 4:1-30.

Thinking about this part of the Bible from the Samaritan woman's perspective, what was she feeling/thinking/wondering about Jesus?

What truths was Jesus revealing to this woman during their conversation?

### **Apply**

What was the difference in this woman's life between the things she knew about Jesus and the Messiah versus what happened in her life when she realized she had met Jesus as the Messiah?

What is the difference in our own lives between learning more about Jesus and knowing Him more deeply?

What are some areas of your life in which you would like to know Jesus more deeply?

Use the rest of your time to lead your group through making a commitment to reading the Gospel of John together and getting together to discuss it either in one on ones or in groups of three during the weeks of the series. Let them know that each time we meet as a group, we will be talking about what we read and how we encountered Jesus rather than just the Sunday morning sermon. Please do this how you feel would be best for the group, but please give them time to figure out how they will meet and to discuss this together.