

Discussion Questions - Before Abraham Was, I Am
John 8:48-59
EFree Church, Diamond Bar
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Discussion Questions:

1. Take time to read John 8:48-59 and Exodus 3:1-14 in their entirety. What are some important benefits of reading the Old Testament in conjunction with the New Testament?
2. When we hear the name, Yahweh, it is in reference to Exodus 3:14. God's name was a holy name, a name which no Jew would ever speak, or write, or even spell. Whenever this name was used in the Scriptures, the biblical writers would only write the first consonants of the words and leave out the vowels. The name appeared as an unpronounceable word with just four letters: YHWH. Today we pronounce the name Yahweh, which is best translated "I am who I am." Not only did this name convey God's existence beyond time and space, but more significantly, it conveyed His presence amongst His people. Can you share an example or two of how you've felt the presence of God in your life in recent weeks?
3. When do you most feel God's presence in your life? What can you do to foster this "setting" even more so?
4. When the crowds called Jesus a Samaritan, they were using a racial slur. If you've ever been referred to by a slur (racial or other), what did you feel? How does this give us a glimpse into what Jesus went through?
5. The purpose of Jesus' "I AM" statement was to declare to the world that He, the Messiah, came to earth to dwell among us and to make his presence known in order to save the lost. The Messiah fulfilled what the nation of Israel in the Old Testament could not. In what specific way is God calling you to be an ambassador for Christ to fulfill his mission?