I AM: Week One – I AM WHO I AM Chris Short

**Bottom Line**

* My response to “who is Jesus?” is my most defining decision

**New Sermon Series:**

* We begin a new series looking at the “I am” statements Jesus made about himself
* What we believe and do about Jesus is the most important thing that matters in life

John‬

* Jesus’ claim that “before Abraham was, I am” was a blasphemous statement to the Jews
* Abraham was the patriarch of the Israelites “The Father of Many Nations”
* The name “I am” came from Moses’ interaction directly with God in the burning bush

Exodus‬

**I AM WHO I AM**

What does this important statement mean?

* Other ways of translating this complicated statement “I am who I am”:
  + “I will be what I will be”
  + “I am the One who is”
  + “I…absolutely, perfectly, completely… AM…”
* God needs no introduction, title, description, adjective, verbs…HE IS
* We try as finite humans to comprehend an infinite God, we will always be left wanting.

**ARE YOU A FOE, FAN OR FOLLOWER OF JESUS?**

* Foes
  + Watch with a critical eye
  + Ignore the miracles of God
  + Against Jesus’ work
* Fans
  + Are in it for themselves,
  + Observe from a distance
  + When things get tough, they are out
* Followers
  + Believe Jesus is the perfect Son of God
  + Have made Him their Lord (leader)
  + They are changed over time as disciples

Matthew‬

**As a follower of The Great I AM… who am i?**

When I understand who Jesus is as the great I AM, it changes the response of who i am

1. i am created in His image. - “I am not worthless”
2. i am saved because of what He did in my place. - “I’m given eternal life”
3. i am under the authority of the One who sits on the throne. - “I’ve been given incredible power”
4. i am an adopted child of God. - “I am a child of the king”
5. i am being transformed by His Spirit’s work in my life. - “I am being renewed day by day”

**For Small Group Discussion:** Which I Am statement from the sermon did you resonate with the most? What are you excited about in this new sermon series?

**Opening Question:** How did you get your name? What does it mean?

**Main Point:** What we believe and do about Jesus is the most important thing that matters in life.

**Main Scripture:** Exodus 3:1-17

**Questions:**

**Head**

* What did God mean when He said that Moses was standing on holy ground? Is holy ground something that we encounter today?
* What does this story show us about how God views His people?

**Heart**

* What does this encounter with God reveal about who He is?
* Moses tried to dismiss God’s calling because of his own inadequacies. What are some excuses you might have for not being used by God?

**Hands**

* What are some opportunities for you to join in on God’s mission?
* How can you get to know God on a deeper level this summer?

**Additional Scripture:** Revelation 1:18, Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 20:7, John 1:1

Tips and Resources: More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell

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