

Walking With Jesus, the Great "I Am"

Introduction to Study Guides

Welcome Ladies!

We are so glad you have joined us this winter semester. At Women of the Word our purpose and goal is to take a portion of Scripture and *walk* through it together. Whether we have never read that part of the Bible before, or whether we know it well and have even taught it, we still learn from each other, get a new or different perspective by sharing our insights, and are taught fresh by the Holy Spirit each time.

In most of our WOW studies we are *walking through* a book of the Bible, (like Galatians last fall), but sometimes we *walk with* a person or group of people (like Walking with the First Wives of Genesis). This study will be more of a *walking with* study. We are going to *Walk with Jesus, the Great I Am*. In other words, we are going to jump from hilltop to hilltop in the gospel of John and look for each time that Jesus said "I Am...". We will spend time studying the surrounding passages and learn from the miracles, people, and situations that accompany each of these statements. (These are the same Scriptures that we have printed all around the walls in our Auditorium.)

The Jewish people knew their God as Yahweh— "I Am" (Ex. 3:14) which spoke of a self-existence of God and also a relationship to his people. During Jesus' public ministry he would often use the same terminology "I Am..." and then add some relational element like "I am the Good Shepherd". So, in five short words Jesus would express his deity (meaning he actually is God), and also express a very real and relational image that the people could grasp and understand.

Our study guides will be one-page-per-day/four-days-a-week. They will be available at WOW and also on our church website. This is not an in-depth study (although you are welcome to make it that on your own); rather our purpose is to feed on the Word *together* and enjoy the process of listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us.

You will find an outline of our eight weeks of study on the reverse side of this page. God Bless your time in the Word and I'm looking forward to studying Scripture together at Women of the Word!



Winter 2013 WOW Schedule of Lessons for
Walking with Jesus The Great 'I AM'

January 11th	Introduction*
January 18th	I Am the Bread of Life
January 25th	I Am the Light of the World
February 1st	I Am the Gate for the Sheep
February 8th	I Am the Good Shepherd
February 15th	I Am the Resurrection and the Life
February 22nd	I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life
March 1st	I Am the True Vine
March 8th	I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End

*Note: There is not a Study Guide for the Welcome and Introduction on January 11th. If you are beginning this study you may want to listen to that introduction on our web-site under Women of the Word.