



Red Letter "I AM"

Gather:

Take the time and ask these questions each week. They may be the same week to week, but we believe if truthfully answered, can reveal a lot about what God is doing in and through your lives.

- How am I doing loving the people God has given me to love?
- Why is God so good?

Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? Remember to bring your Update to group to refresh your memory.
- Read John 14:6 and remember the context from the message. Discuss the following:
 1. How does the context influence how you read this?
 2. How does it challenge you?
 3. How does it comfort you?
- Read John 8:31-32 using the "Paraphrase It" method. (Read the verse, but rephrase it in your own words. Afterward discuss these questions.
 1. How do you abide in the Word? If you don't, why not?
 2. What does it mean when Jesus says "if you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples?"
 3. What is Jesus saying the truth sets us free from? See verses 34-36?
- Talk about the importance of context. As a group, come up with a list of good criteria and questions you can ask to establish the context of a text. i.e. authorial intent, the intended audience, etc... If you need to, Google the term "good exegesis" for ideas.

Serve:

- If you haven't gone through the Growth Track at Shift, you are missing out! It is a fantastic path to learn more about God, learn about the mission of Shift church, as well as discover truths about your personality, gifting, and purpose. Classes are held in the Treehouse Kidz building following the 2nd service. Childcare is provided.
- How are you going to serve the people of Gainesville as a small group? Why would anyone be interested in the fact that you are a Christ-follower? If you are not meeting

the needs of the community and adding value to the lives of the people around you, you are missing out on an enormous piece of the Gospel message.