

Discussion Guide for the week of **SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

Sermon Topic: I AM – John 8 – Matt Cassidy

Introduction: We continue our look at the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John. This week we look at Jesus claim to be God by claiming God's Name, I AM.

Study Questions:

- 1. Read Exodus 3:13-15. How does this passage establish God's formal name with the Jews? How did they treat this name with reverence from this point on?**
- 2. Describe your understanding of the Feast of Tabernacles that was the setting for John 8. Read Zechariah 14:5-9. This passage talks about the coming "Day of the Lord." It mentions both water and light that are significant to the Feast of Tabernacles. Read John 7:37-38 and 8:12. How does this scene make a unique backdrop for Jesus to proclaim Himself as the "Living Water and the Light of the World?"**
- 3. As you read through John 8:13-50, list the areas of conflict the Jews are having with Jesus. How does Jesus address their issues?**
- 4. In verse 19 the Jews ask, "Where is your father?" and in verse 25, they ask, "Who are you?" How does Jesus response in verses 54-59 clearly address both of their questions? What is the significance of their response?**
- 5. How do we sometimes slip into following church tradition over truly following Christ? In verse 24, Jesus clarifies the importance of believing He is God and has the power to forgive sin. Is there any doubt in your mind of whether you have trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins? If so, what causes you doubt?**
- 6. Matt asked, "What is the thing you have been putting off regarding obedience to Christ?" or What is your expression of obedience to Christ that you need to take this week?**