

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March - The Great I AM - Lifegroup Notes

**Welcome** - What are you giving up for Lent? What are you picking up for Lent? Why do we do this? Remind people about the devotional that was given out on Sunday, 40 days in God's word, what a great preparation for Easter!

**Word** - This week kicks off the new series 'The Great I AM'

As an overview read the following passages that feature the 7 I AM statements of Jesus

John 6 v. 35 - I AM the bread of life

John 8 v.12 - I AM the light of the world

John 10v.9 - I AM the door (gate)

John 10 v.11,14 - I AM the good shepherd

John 15 v.1, 4-5 - I AM the true vine

John 14 v.6 - I AM the way, the truth and the life

John 11 v.25-26 - I AM the resurrection and the life

Then open up conversation using the following questions:

- Why would these statements have been so controversial to the hearers?
- Why are these statements so powerful?
- What do they tell us about who Jesus claimed to be?
- What have been your experiences of any of these statements in your own life?
- If there was one statement that could be realised in your life right now which would it be and why?

**Works** - Spend some time praying for one another for these truths to be made known in each other's lives. Also encourage each other to think about who they could invite to church/Alpha so they get a chance to hear about and maybe even follow 'the Great I AM'

**Worship** - Finish by taking communion together.

Explain that for the next 4 weeks Lifegroups are locating centrally in the church as follows:

March 18th & 19th - Vision night - 7.45PM

March 25th - I:GROW week 1 - 7.45PM (3 weeks of looking at how we grow as believers)

April 1st - I:GROW week 2

April 8th - I:GROW week 3

The coffee shop will be open each of the 4 weeks from 6.30PM. Life groups can meet earlier to touch base and connect. Some of the I:GROW sessions will be small group, some interactive, all will be great!

