**Session 1: Background and History**

**Intro (Background and History):**

Hi, I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_. Welcome to “I Am: the radical claim that changes everything.” When I was a kid, my favorite word to describe things was “rad.” Rad - or radical – isn’t just a term used to describe something we like. It’s a way to describe something that is very different than the usual or the traditional.

Over the next 7 sessions we’ll consider some of Jesus’ “I AM” statements in the Gospel of John. Jesus’ “I AM” claims are truly radical ….. There is an important connection Jesus makes when he says “I AM”– a connection to God. In this first session, Pastor Michael unpacks the history and background that lays the foundation for why Jesus’ “I AM” statements are so radical, so powerful and so life-changing.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today:

Jesus’ “I Am” statements not only tell us about who Jesus is, but also what this means for our lives as believers. When Jesus said “I AM” he was making the ***same*** claim about himself that God made to MOSES – Jesus and God the Father are ONE. This is why they both can make the same radical claim “I AM.” But even more, by believing this claim, by believing in Jesus, that HE IS GOD, believers back then - and believers like you and me today - have life. In the next 6 sessions we’re going to explore Jesus’ powerful “I AM” statements. Jesus’ words are truly radical and change everything! We’ll see you next time…

**Session 2: Bread of Life**

**Intro:**

Hi everyone, welcome back!

Last session we talked about the history and background that leads us to Jesus’ “I AM” statements. In this session, we’re going to take a look at John chapter 6. Everyone is hungry for a satisfying life. Jesus says to a crowd of hungry followers, “I am the bread of Life.” If they believe that radical claim, He will give them life. Pastor Tim helps us wrestle with this claim…a claim that challenged a crowd 2000 years ago, a claim that still challenges us today.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

Worldly bread, like manna in the wilderness, like money and possessions in our hands, does not last… It. doesn’t. last. and it can never satisfy. But Jesus, the bread of life, changes everything. In Jesus we find peace. In Jesus we find our hungry souls filled. Jesus IS the bread of true life, this is who. he. is. And by believing, we have life. Now it’s time to open your bibles with your group and discover more about this radical claim that changes everything. We’ll see you next time…

**Session 3: The Light of the World**

**Intro:**

Hi and welcome back…

We continue to examine who Jesus is and what this means for our lives as we dig into the Gospel of John. Light is an important gift from God. Sunlight helps things grow, it creates energy. When the sun rises in the morning, it chases away the darkness. When we walk in the dark, it is easy to stumble and fall; when we have light, our path is clear. Pastor Nathan is going to enlighten us about this important “I AM” statement, another radical claim that changes everything.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

From the moment Jesus launched His ministry, people wondered, questioned, puzzled and all too often rejected who he was: The light of the world. This light was sent to search out the lost and save them. This light was sent so that believers would no longer walk in darkness, no longer walk in hopelessness, but rather have life. You see, Jesus, as Pastor Nathan reminded us, is the light and the life. Believe in Jesus and have life; another radical “I AM” claim that changes everything. See you next time…

**Session 4: Good Shepherd and Gate**

**Intro:**

Hi Everyone,

Where do you put your faith, your trust, your belief? Where is that you think you can find safety and protection? Who are your leaders and guides for your life? As we continue to journey through the Gospel of John and the “I AM” statements of Jesus. In this session, Pastor Michael helps us find the answers to these important questions. Answers that are found in Jesus, who says, “I AM” the good shepherd….I AM the gate.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things to think about.

Who is Jesus and what does this mean for me? Pastor Michael just shared some important answers to these critical questions. Jesus is the gate to the protected life and the abundant life. Believe in Jesus and. have. life. But he is also our Good Shepherd. He is not only our teacher and protector, but he is our life giver. Because Jesus laid down His life for his sheep - for us - we have eternal life. That’s good news. See you next time….

**Session 5: Resurrection and Life**

**Intro:**

Hey Everyone, Welcome back…

I truly hope this study of Jesus’ “I Am” statements from the Gospel of John has helped you - and your group - grow together in God’s powerful Word. In this session, we tackle the mind-blowing concept of Resurrection and Life. Our world often chases every new scheme to have a better life. But what does it mean to have eternal life? Well, it means nothing unless we have Jesus. Jesus said “I AM the resurrection and the life.” Pastor Bob helps us understand what Jesus means when he makes this Radical Claim.

**Outro:**

Life, as we learned from Pastor Bob, is used in two senses – bodily life and spiritual life. Believing in Jesus gives us both. If our daily life is a Jesus-centered life, it is a life lived to the fullest. If our spiritual life is a Jesus-centered life, we have eternal life. As Pastor Bob explained to us, because of who Jesus is - the Son of the living God - he is also the resurrection and the life. Believe in Jesus, believe in God’s only begotten Son, and YOU will have life. We’ll see you next time…

**Session 6: Way, Truth, Life**

**Intro:**

Hello and Welcome back.

We all want to find our way in the world? We all want to know ultimate truth? We all want to really live and have a full life. How do we find those things in a world filled with so many different answers to those questions? Trevor helps us see that Jesus is the only answer to those questions. Jesus, puts forth another radical claim, He says, “I AM the way, and the truth, and the life.” Jesus. changes. everything.

**Outro:**

Can you imagine if the way to God was up to you to discover, or earn, or achieve? We’ve learned in this session that Jesus IS the way to God the Father. This is who Jesus is - the way. So what does that mean for us? It means forgiveness of sins and an eternity in heaven… with Jesus, with God. It means that the way is not confusing, the way is not hard to find, the way is right in front of us, Jesus! God’s blessings to you as you dig deeper into the Gospel of John. We’ll see you next time…

**Session 7: The Vine**

**Intro:**

Hey Everyone,

We’re in the final session of our journey through the “I AM” statements of Jesus. Jesus said, “I Am the vine; you are the branches.” As we consider the last of these powerful statements, it’s important for us to recognize the relevance these radical claims have on our lives. In this session, Pastor Tim gives us a final important lesson about being In Christ and Bearing Fruit because of it.

**Outro:**

The Gospel of John was written so that you might believe that Jesus is the Messiah and that by believing you may have life in his name. We hope that these sessions have allowed you to see just how radical Jesus’ “I AM” claims are. He claimed to be God… and we, along with billions of others, have believed that he is who he says he is. He. Is. God. and that means everything, that changes everything, for us. He is our bread, He is our light, He is our shepherd, He is our resurrection, He is our way-truth-life, he is our vine… and because of that we have found what it means to really live… for the here and now… and for eternity! “I AM” truly is THE radical claim that changes everything!

Thanks for watching…