

“I AM”

Introduction:

In Exodus chapter three, God reveals himself to Moses through a burning bush. As some of you might know, Moses ends up playing an important role in God’s story. He goes on to lead the Israelites out of slavery and deliver the Ten Commandments to the world. He does all of this through trusting in God and His plan. But before Moses does all of these things, he has a conversation with a burning bush. Now, I know that sounds crazy, and it probably was. God said to Moses “ I AM who I AM.” Then in John chapter 8, verse 58, Jesus says, “very truly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I Am.”

Application:

Jesus uses the phrase “I Am” seven times throughout the New Testament. Each time He does He is revealing Himself and His character to us. When Jesus said “I Am,” He was telling us that He was God. We know this because when God revealed Himself to Moses, He used “I Am” to let him know that he was hearing the voice of God. Jesus’ character was a reflection of His love for us and the world. He was fully God and fully man so when He died on a cross to save us from our sin, we saw the greatest example of who Jesus really was. Throughout the season we will go deeper and examine the seven “I Am” statements of Jesus and what that means for us.

When you tell people, “ I am an athlete,” they understand that you play sports. But being an athlete also makes you a teammate, a student, a leader, and a role model. As you step on and off the field this season, know that the way you behave shows your character. Do you want to be the player that helps your teammate up when they fall, or do you want to be the one that runs past them on the ground so you can have more time with the ball? You all should want to be the first player! Jesus was our greatest role model on Earth. Knowing who He was and wanting to be more like Him is very important, whether you’re on or off the field.

Going Deeper:

- How does the character of Christ shine through in your life?
- How do you show the character of Christ on the field?
- Who or what do you want others to see you as? Why?

Pray:

Father God, thank you for who you are and thank you for letting us be your very good creation. Thank you for sending Jesus, your son, to die so that we could know you and be with you forever. We ask that you be with us as we show your character to others on and off the field. Amen!