

**Introduction:**

Who is God? Who am I? These are two questions we have probably all asked at some point. What we may not take the time to realize is that the answer to the first question is the key to answering the second. The more we know about God, the more we will know about ourselves. For the next few weeks, we will be exploring some core truths in our series: *I AM*.

**Scripture:**

Ephesians 1:4-5 - "Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ."

Jeremiah 29:11-13 - "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."

*For More, Read & Discuss John 15:1-17*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. When you meet someone at a party or on an airplane, how do you introduce yourself?
2. Are those aspects of yourself that you mention in a first introduction really how you see yourself? Are those the parts of your life that give you identity?
  - Where do you find your identity?
  - When do you experience external influencers trying to speak into or leverage your identity?
3. How has your identity changed over the years?
4. God offers us *all of us* & *each of us* an identity and a calling through Jesus.
  - What does it mean for you that God is invested & interested in *you* as an individual?
  - How should knowing God is invested & interested in *all of us* impact you?

**Take the Next Step:**

Although we all share a creator and a big-picture purpose of serving that creator, we have all been created uniquely, for a unique purpose. Sometimes finding that purpose starts with asking ourselves "What breaks my heart?" and "How could God use me?"