I Am That Man – A Common Man With an Uncommon Desire to Succeed

Weekend Discussion Questions January 4-5, 2014

Community:

- 1. If you grew up in church/Christian school/etc...think back to when they taught you about Jesus...from what they taught, what did you picture Jesus was like?
- 2. What does our current culture/media/Hollywood tell us that Jesus is like?
- 3. What are a couple words that *you* would use to describe Jesus? Why?

Core:

- 1. Why do you think that it's important that we have an accurate picture of who Jesus really was?
- 2. Why do you think that, typically, men aren't drawn to our current picture of Jesus?
- 3. Yet, on the other hand, men during Jesus' life were willing to follow Him to the death why do you think that was?
- 4. Jesus said things during His life that no one else would say. Read John 8:31-32. What does he say in this section that no other teacher would say? What does it mean that "the truth will set (us) free?"
- 5. The religious leaders challenged Jesus' authority, and Jesus responds. Read John 8:53, where they ask the question, and verse 58, where Jesus responds. What does Jesus' response mean?
- 6. When Jesus said, "I AM," He was referencing what God told people when they asked for His name. So Jesus tells the people that HE is GOD in the flesh. What does that mean?
- 7. If Jesus is God, then you could insert Jesus' name into any Scripture with the word "God" or "The Lord". So read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. How is *that* picture of Jesus different than the one that churches normally picture?
- 8. Jim said that Jesus, by nature of being God, was a "Warrior King." What does that mean? How do you think He's a Warrior King *today*?

Challenge:

- 1. What would be different in our lives if the image of Jesus that we follow was an accurate portrayal of who He was and what He was like?
- 2. What are you most looking forward to in this series? (Have someone in the group pray for the responses, that God would work in our hearts during the next few weeks)

