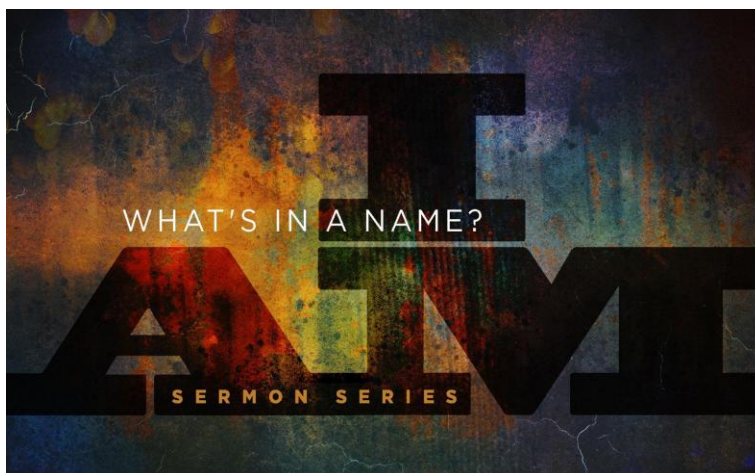




WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Series Introduction: We are beginning today a 9-week journey through the gospel of John and into a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what that means for us. This series is a comprehensive look at the ***"I AM"*** statements of Christ in the New Testament. We will see in message 1, like most things in the New Testament, how his declarations about his identity traces its roots back to the Old Testament. Together, these 9 lessons will offer a multi-faceted view of Jesus, and the ways he impacts everyday life – our struggles, fears, questions, hopes, and dreams!

Message 1: GOD HAS A NAME

Lesson Introduction: The roots of the "I AM" statements go back to Exodus, chapter 3, when Moses inquires about the name of God. God introduces himself to Moses with the expression, "I am who I am." It is rendered in the Hebrew language (which has no vowels) as YHWH, usually pronounced "Yahweh." Later in Israel, the name was considered too holy to even pronounce and some rabbis taught that the name could not be stated, but only breathed (try it out, breathing in and out). Most English translations of the Bible render Yahweh as "The LORD" in all caps. So, yes, God has a name! It denotes action, life, and eternity.

THE MOSES' EXPERIENCE – Exodus 1-3

1. Moses' _____ Exodus 1-2
2. Moses' _____ Exodus 2:11-15
3. Moses' _____ Exodus 3:1-10
4. Moses' _____ Exodus 3:11-15
5. What was revealed to Moses about God's name and existence?
 - Yahweh is the _____ one of His kind.
 - Yahweh has no limitations when it comes to _____.
 - Yahweh is always the _____.
 - Yahweh is the One with _____.

THE CONNECTION TO JESUS AND HIS "I AM" STATEMENTS

1. Understanding Who God is
2. God's Son Jesus becomes the "Son of Man" – Daniel 7:13-14; Colossians 1:15-16; Hebrews 1:1-4
3. Jesus expands Who God is to each who follow Him – Acts 2:36; John 16:7; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Peter 1:3-4