

# Leader's Notes

## IDENTITY

THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

### WEEK 1 "I AM" pt. 1

***Please remember these notes are to refer back to if you NEED to. They are a supplement to the discussion. The goal is not to get to the answers provided below but to engage in open and honest discussions. Please give adequate time for group members to respond to the questions before referring to these notes.***

#### **Welcome**

Please make sure that all have a chance to get to know each other. If yours is a group that has been meeting for quite a while, but you have one or two new people, please remember to give them a chance to get to know the others in the group (and not just for the long-time members to get to know the newer people!) Have fun!

#### **Word**

Again since this is the second week, you don't want to put anyone on the spot. Ask the questions and allow time for people to answer but you might end up starting the conversation.

1. Go around the group and allow everyone to share. The answers to this question could be pulled from personal experience or someone sharing with them a negative experience in this area.
2. Allow everyone to share but ultimately it is a great honor and privilege that the God of the universe not only cares about us individually but wants to have a personal and deep relationship with every one of us.

#### **Read - John 14:5-7**

3. Give people a minute or two to fill in their questions. Then go around and discuss the answers.  
Way: With the rise of so many different religions and cults it is obvious that people really are looking for a way to God.  
Truth: Today we live in a post-modern world, which had lost the absoluteness of truth, and now truth has become subjective.  
Life: People are looking for happiness in all sorts of ways like sex, drugs, money, cars, food, etc.

4. Go around and allow everyone to share (remember you might have to start and don't forget the 8 second rule).

5. It would be great if all roads led to God and everyone who believed in different ways went to

heaven however the truth is that Jesus is the only way. But the great thing about this truth is that Jesus is for everyone.

**Break-up into groups of 2 or 3 for more intimate conversation (these groups should be gender specific).**

**Read - John 15:1-17**

6. Give the group a minute to fill out their answers and then discuss.

Pruning: Sacrificing for God, going through trials, being disciplined by God, etc.

Tools: Trials, the Bible, Prayer, Fellowship, other people etc.

Fruit: Becoming more Christ-like, sharing your faith, bringing others to Church, disciplining others, serving, etc.

7. Jesus is telling us that we need to trust Him to provide for us. He is reminding us that ultimately our source of happiness, joy and life come from Him and we can do nothing apart from Him.

8. We can love each other by looking at God's example of love toward His son. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world that He sent Jesus to die for us. Therefore without love, there would be no sacrifice and ultimately salvation.

**Read - John 11:21-27**

9. Himself: He is the resurrection and the life. Basically that He is the one that can resurrect us from death and give us a new life.

Death: Jesus claims that everyone will eventually die but for those who believe in Him they will live even after earthly death.

Life: Again, Jesus is the giver of life and will give eternal life to those who believe in Him.

10. Allow everyone to share. Martha actually has a pretty common reaction. She is thankful that He is there to pay His respects but wishes that He could have been there earlier before Lazarus' death. It is easy for us to say that we would have believed because we know that Jesus dies and is raised from the dead. But at that time, the power of the resurrection had not yet been witnessed therefore it would have been much harder to believe in someone being raised from the dead.

11. Go around and share.

**Worship:**

Whether you sing worship songs, read and meditate upon a Psalm, our emphasis should be on complete surrender to our awesome God!

**Witness:**

The Life Group Mission is about Jesus working not only in us but also through us. That is what this section of the lesson is designed for. This is our opportunity to pray for and also invite others to come and join our groups, as we grow closer to God. Please do not take this section lightly as we are called to spread the good news of Jesus. Don't forget to talk about your Signature Project.