

## Friendship Group Discussion Questions 4/16/2017

Sermon: "I Am" – John 18:1-11

1. Growing up, what about Easter did you most look forward to? A favorite candy, tradition, part of a meal, or did you celebrate at all?
2. The first point of the sermon was "an audacious claim." What are some of the things that come to mind when we hear Jesus (and God) referring to themselves as "I Am," the first person form of the verb "to be?"
3. Michael said that because of who He said He was, Jesus is not satisfied sitting on the shelf with other founders of other religions. Why is that? Do you agree or disagree with the statement that if you have a mild response to Jesus and His teachings, you have no intellectual integrity? What does that mean?
4. The second point of the sermon was about "an overmatched force." Review the concept of no sinner can stand in the presence of an all-holy God, without His permission or without God veiling His glory. How often do you ponder Jesus' power or do you fall into more of Jesus is my buddy territory or something in between?
5. What are some of the things in life that are unholy that seek to knock you off your feet and lose your footing? What are some practical and spiritual ways you can stand firm against such things? ?
6. A couple of options for this last question: discuss the illustration of "The Sixth Sense" and reading the Old Testament differently in light of the resurrection, or Chuck Colson's quote that twelve powerful men couldn't keep a lie for three weeks yet twelve disciples were tortured, imprisoned, and killed over a 40 year span and never changed their story. ?

Prayer focus: I Am is risen. Ask God to be everything to you, since nothing else can save you. Pray for those that visited churches on Easter (including ours) that they would seek God to be their everything.