

Moses at the Burning Bush. Exodus 3.1 - 4.17

In a long and detailed passage, we concentrated on Moses' reaction to God's call; then we looked at the revelation of God's divine name, "I AM", and how Jesus applied that to himself in John's Gospel.

1. Can you identify with Moses at any point in his conversation with God? For example, at five points (3:11, 3:13, 4:1, 4:10 and 4:13) Moses raises objections, based on his lack of fitness to do what God is asking. Can you identify with any of these? Would you be prepared to share your own sense of ill-preparedness to do what God has asked you. What was the result?
2. God's self-revelation in his divine name is strange and mysterious to our ears. What does it mean to you when God gives us his name, "I AM WHO I AM"?
3. In John's Gospel, there is a clear identification of Jesus with God when he takes to himself the divine name, "I AM", on seven separate occasions:
 - 1) I Am the Bread of life, John 6:22-59, especially verses 28-35.
 - 2) I Am the Light of the world, John 8:12-30. See also John 1:4-5.
 - 3) I Am the door or gate
 - 4) I Am the Good Shepherd, John 10:1-18.
 - 5) I Am the resurrection, and the life, John 11:17-27.
 - 6) I Am the way, the truth, and the life, John 14:6.
 - 7) I Am the true vine, John 15:1-6.

Choose one of these, and say what it means to you.