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This week's reading in the 2015/16 reading plan includes: Exodus 13-19; Luke 16-22

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite or the funniest nick name you have ever had?

1. Discuss anything that jumped out at you in your private devotions this week.
2. According to Exodus 3:14, how did God identify Himself?
 1. Is this a proper name like "Sam" or something different?
 2. Who do you know with a name (or nickname) that describes him or her?
3. What does "I AM" mean? Consider the implications of Genesis 1:1.
 1. What was there before God created? Was there room for "nothing" to even exist anywhere?
 2. Was God lonely before he created? Does God need anything from his creation?
4. What characteristic of God have you seen most clearly thus far in Exodus? Or which is most dear to you?
See the outline on back of this page.
5. What is the significance of John 8:56-58?
 1. Consider John 1:1-3, 14; John 17:5, 24
 2. What do these verses tell us about Jesus?
6. It has been said we cannot really know ourselves without knowing God.
 1. How does the attributes and character of God help you understand yourself?
 2. Consider that you are created in his image as you ponder this. Consider the impact of the fall.

Sermon Idea

“The God Who IS always acts for His glory and our good.”

8 Characteristics of God

- I. God is compassionate. (2:23-24a)
- II. God is faithful. (2:24)
- III. God is holy. (3:5)
- IV. God is self-existent. (3:14)
- V. God is eternal. (3:14)
- VI. God is unchanging. (3:15)
- VII. God is all-knowing. (3:19)
- VIII. God is all-powerful. (vv. 3:20-22)