



## Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

*"I Speak Because I Am"*

### **Points from Sunday's Message**

Point 1 - The knowledge of the divine is disclosed to us in creation.

Point 2 - Through general revelation, God discloses His existence, intelligence, and power.

Point 3 - In special revelation, God reveals His nature and His will.

Point 4 - God is who He is. Not always who I expect Him to be.

### **Key Verse:**

*"And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'"*

*—Exodus 3:14*

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Pastor Miles opened with** "How do you know what you know?" and made the claim that "we know almost nothing apart from revelation" — that most of what we know (our birthdate, our name, that our heart pumps blood) came to us by *disclosure* from trustworthy sources, not by our own deduction or discovery. What are some things you believe about God that were *disclosed* to you rather than figured out on your own? How do you decide which sources to trust on questions about God?

**Further Reading:** Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1–4

- 2. Miles described how two people** can look at the very same broken world and come to opposite conclusions about God — one sees beauty and decides God is kind, another sees fires, floods, and abuse and decides God is distant or uncaring. Where have you seen people (or yourself) build a picture of God mostly from their experiences of the world rather than from how God has revealed Himself? What's the limitation of knowing God only through "general revelation"?

**Further Reading:** Romans 1:18–23

**3. The heart of the passage** is six verbs God uses to describe Himself: He sees, hears, knows, comes down, delivers, and blesses. Which of these six is hardest for you to believe is true of God toward *you* right now — and why?

**Further Reading:** Exodus 3:7–10

**4. (Practical application) God answers Moses** with "I AM WHO I AM," which Miles summarized as "God is who He is, not always who I expect Him to be." Where are you currently wanting God to show up in a particular way or on a particular timeline? How might this passage reshape that expectation this week?

**5. (Practical application) Moses spent 40 years** in "the backside of the desert," and Israel spent 400 years enslaved — both probably feeling forgotten, like they "got rug pulled." Yet that nowhere place is exactly where God showed up and called Moses by name. Is there a "backside of the desert" in your life right now? What would change if you expected the God who sees and comes down to meet you *there*?

**Further Reading:** Exodus 2:23–25; Hebrews 1:1–2

**6. (Practical application) Miles closed by saying** God wants us not just to know *about* Him (theology) but to actually know Him in relationship — and that everyone we'll meet this week is, deep down, "desperately desiring to know God." Who is one person in your life with a distorted or distant picture of God? How could the God who "sees, hears, knows, comes down, delivers, and blesses" be genuinely good news for them — and what's one step you could take toward them this week?

**Further Reading:** Philippians 2:5–11; Exodus 6:6–7 (God's five "I wills")

*Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.*