**Lesson 10- John and Acts**

1. I AM
2. Seven I AM statements of Jesus.
3. Exodus 3:14- “I AM WHO I AM.
4. Jesus in John- *Ego Eimi*, I AM.
5. John writes with one goal in mind: To present Jesus as the divine eternal Son of God who alone gives us eternal life
6. Seven I AMs
7. 6:35- I AM the Bread of Life
8. 8:12- I AM the Light of the World
9. 10:7- I AM the Door of the Sheep
10. 10:11 I AM the Good Shepherd
11. 11:25- I AM the resurrection and the life
12. 14:6- I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
13. 15:1- I AM the True Vine
14. Additionally: John 8:58- “Before Abraham was, I AM.”
15. Prologue of John
16. John’s prologue is found in John 1 where He starts not with a genealogy of Jesus as the incarnate Son of God or with a story of the birth of Christ, but going way further back than that, showing us that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who was with God in the beginning.
17. John 1:1- **In the beginning**- The uncaused first cause.
18. **1:1- *The Word*-** “*Logos*” in Greek.
19. **1:1-** **The Word was with God**- Distinct from the Father in personhood.
20. **1:1- The Word was God**- One God, three persons.
21. **1:2- He was in the beginning with God.** Uncreated.
22. **John 1:3- “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”** Again, Christ created all things, He is not a creation Himself.
23. **1:4- In Him was life and the life was the light of men.** Life comes from Christ.
24. Acts
25. Acts is part 2 of Luke.
26. All that Jesus BEGAN to do and to teach. Jesus is continuing to do and teach today.
27. Acts starts with Jesus’s ascension into heaven asking them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
28. In Acts 2 The Holy Spirit descend like tongues of fire resting on the apostles at Pentecost.
29. The first part of Acts focuses on the apostles we see in the gospels, mainly Peter.
30. Persecution led by Saul.
31. Saul’s conversion.
32. The second half of Acts gives us an interesting parallel from the first half. First half of Acts focuses mostly on Peter’s sermons, Peter’s miracles, mostly to the Jews. Second half focuses on Paul’s ministry as he travels to the Gentiles.
33. Paul’s three missionary journeys.
34. The apostles delivered, by the Holy Spirit, one faith for all time to the people of God, and then entrusted faithful godly men to carry on what their doctrine plainly was.

**Bible Study Discussion Questions:**

* + - 1. John 6:35- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the Bread of Life. (**Jesus is more important than the most necessary of food. He is more necessary than that which is required to stay alive bodily)**
      2. John 8:12- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the Light of the World. **(Jesus is how we see reality. He opens the eyes of our blind hearts. He exposes us to the reality of who we really are)**
      3. John 10:7- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the Door of the sheep. **(He is the only way in to God’s flock. You cannot claim to be a sheep if you claim you came to know God by any other way besides Jesus)**
      4. John 10:11- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the Good Shepherd. **(He is the one who guides us into all truth and keeps us where we need to be)**
      5. John 11:25- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the Resurrection and the Life. **(He is where our hope of resurrection and eternal life lies)**
      6. John 14:6- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **(He is exclusive. There is no other way)**
      7. John 15:1- Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself as the True Vine **(He is the true and better Israel. He is what we must cling to if we want life)**
      8. John 8:58 - Examine the context of this “I AM’ statement and discuss what Jesus is trying to explain about Himself when He says “before Abraham was, I AM.” **(He pre-existed Abraham because He is Abraham’s God)**
      9. Examine Acts 20:26-32 and discuss what things every pastor ought to be most focused on (**Emphasize the role of sound doctrine: knowing it, teaching it, protecting the flock from people who teach otherwise)**