Ice Breaker

If you could ask God one question face-to-face and get an immediate answer, what would you ask Him?

Sermon Summary

This message explored the nature of God the Father as the first person of the Trinity. God revealed His name to Moses as "I AM"—not "I was" or "I will be"—emphasizing His eternal, unchanging nature. We examined four key characteristics of God the Father: He is the Creator who spoke everything into existence, the Lawgiver who determines right and wrong, the Judge who dispenses justice, and the Giver who provides His image, property, victory, wealth-producing ability, and His Word. The appropriate human response to the great "I AM" is found in John 3:30: "He must become greater; I must become less."

Group Questions

1. **What is one thing you got from the sermon?**
2. What does it mean to you personally that God's name is "I AM" rather than "I was" or "I will be"? How does this impact your daily life?
3. The sermon addressed the false teaching that "God is non-binary." Why is it important to think critically about what we hear about God, even from religious or political leaders?
4. Which of God's four roles (Creator, Lawgiver, Judge, Giver) is easiest for you to accept? Which is most challenging? Why?
5. How do you respond to the idea that God is the Lawgiver who determines right and wrong, rather than each individual determining their own truth?
6. The sermon stated, "You don't own anything—God has given it to you to steward." How does this perspective change the way you view your possessions, home, or finances?
7. God promises to give us victory if we continue in His will. What "giant" are you currently facing where you need to trust God for victory?
8. How can we practically live out John 3:30 ("He must become greater; I must become less") in our everyday decisions and relationships?

Life Application

This week, identify one area of your life where you've been saying "I am" instead of "I am not"—where you've been trying to be in control rather than surrendering to God. Practice saying, "He must become greater; I must become less" in that specific area. Journal about what happens when you consciously submit that area to God's authority.

Scripture References

- **Exodus 3:6, 14** - God reveals His name as "I AM"
- **Genesis 1:1** - God as Creator
- **Exodus 20:1-2** - God as Lawgiver (Ten Commandments)
- **Psalm 7:11** - God as righteous Judge
- **Genesis 1:27** - Humanity made in God's image
- **Deuteronomy 8:18** - God gives ability to produce wealth
- **Psalm 119:14, 16** - Rejoicing in God's Word
- **John 3:30** - "He must become greater; I must become less"
- **John 1:12** - Becoming children of God through belief

Challenge

Memorize John 3:30 this week: "He must become greater; I must become less." Each morning when you wake up, speak this verse aloud as a declaration of surrender to God's will. Each evening, reflect on one specific way you saw God become greater and yourself become less that day.