## I AM #3 "Before Abraham was, I am" John 8:48-59 / March 13, 2016

Intro: Who do you make yourself out to be?

- ARE WE NOT RIGHT IN SAYING THAT YOU ARE SAMARITAN AND HAVE A DEMON? (48)
  - We are offspring of Abraham (vs. 33, 37, 39 see also v. 41)
  - You are of your father the devil (vs. 44-45)
- ARE YOU GREATER THAN OUR FATHER ABRAHAM? (53)
  - My word is life (vs 51&52)
  - My word is true (vs. 55)
- ...AND HAVE YOU SEEN ABRAHAM? (V. 57)
  - He rejoiced that he would see my day (v. 56)
  - o Before Abraham was (v. 58)

**Close: Stones or thrones?** 

Today I learned	
As a result I will	

## **Prayers for ECC**

- Pray that God will supernaturally draw every person invited to Easter to the message of resurrection and life here at Eastview.
- Pray that God will give the people of Eastview (and specifically you!) courage to simply invite someone to one of our Easter services.
- Pray for Pastor Mike as he studies, prepares and preaches five times on Easter Sunday. Ask for strength, clarity, and inspired preaching.
- Pray for one lost person. Pray for someone who needs a resurrection in their life. Pray that Easter Sunday will bring eternal life to them through Jesus.
- Pray for the "Jesus Speaks" project and the upcoming filming and teaching that will take place in Turkey in early April. Pray for safety in travel and teaching that will capture Jesus' message to the church.

## **Baptism Testimony**

## Sharon Ward (9:00)

I had an old fashioned church upbringing. But as I grew older I drifted away from the Lord and regret that immensely. Now that I have been attending services at Eastview with my family, I want to serve God as I should have been. Luke 6:37-38 says "forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you." I give myself to the Lord in this baptism and serve Him to the highest and never go astray again.