

# Lake Highlands Church

## Sunday Assembly Reflection – 10/26/14

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**RECAP:** In her teaching on the revelation of YHWH in Jesus, Diann Garnett suggested that the most important question in life is “Who is God.” And clearly the Pharisees thought they knew the answer until they encountered Jesus who said that He, a mere man, was God, the I AM, the unmentionable YHWH. As Diann said, it was absolutely scandalous for a mere human to dare to claim he was God.

I know from experience how important that question is, and how easy it is to fall in to a false reality of God especially in our post-modern culture of “all beliefs are equal.” Several years ago I went through a period of time when I believed that there were many ways to God, and that Jesus was just one of the ways. I was not reading the Bible very much, but when I did read verses like the ones Diann mentioned (John 14:7-9, John 1:1, 14) I rationalized that somehow that they were true, but not necessarily exclusive of other ways to God. It was not logical, but I wasn’t honestly seeking truth. I was looking for a way to avoid hard questions. Thankfully, God in His mercy, kept the questions coming and my “many ways to God” theory failed every time. But, God the I AM never fails.

**REFLECTION:** (pick one of the questions below to answer in your small groups, or more if you have time, and be sure to pray for each other at the end).

- Do your views of God in the Old Testament and in the New Testament differ? How would you explain who God is to someone who had trouble reconciling their conflicting views?
- How does your view of God impact your prayer life? How does your view of Him impact your interactions with others?
- Think about Jesus’ radical claim to be God, and the offense it stirred up in those who thought they knew the truth. What does that offense look like in our day and time, and how do you deal with it?

Blessings on your Fasting and Praying Before YHWH this week.