



**Message Title: Respond Like Jesus**

**Date: September 22, 2025**

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## **Icebreaker**

- **Share about a time when you almost missed an important moment or opportunity (funny or serious). What did you learn from it?**
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## **Discussion Sections**

### **1. We Pray First**

**Scripture: *Matthew 14:13; Philippians 4:6***

- **Why do you think Jesus' first response to difficult news was to withdraw and pray?**
- **What makes it easier to worry than to pray?**
- **How could our group become more intentional about "praying first" in daily life?**

**Application: Take time as a group to pray before moving on.**

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### **2. We Forgive Quickly**

**Scripture: *Acts 7:59–60; Luke 23:34***

- **What stands out to you about Stephen's and Jesus' prayers of forgiveness?**
- **Why is forgiveness so central to following Jesus?**



- Who do you need to forgive quickly before bitterness grows?

Key Truth: We hate evil, not people.

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### 3. We Live in Unity

Scripture: *John 17:20–21*

- What does Jesus' prayer teach us about the importance of unity?
  - Where do you see division harming the witness of the Church today?
  - How can our group demonstrate unity in a culture of division?
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### 4. We Stay on Mission

Scripture: *Acts 1:8; Ephesians 6:19–20; Romans 10:13*

- What does it mean for you personally to be a witness “where you are”?
  - Paul asked for boldness. Where do you need boldness to share your faith?
  - How does knowing “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” encourage you?
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### 5. We Do Good

Scripture: *Romans 12:17–21; John 1:5*

- How is “overcoming evil with good” countercultural?
- When have you seen someone's kindness break down barriers?
- What specific good can you do this week that will shine the light of Jesus in the darkness?



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## Reflection & Response

- Which of these five actions (pray first, forgive quickly, live in unity, stay on mission, do good) do you need to focus on most right now?
- How can we encourage one another to “not miss the moment” in this season?

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## Closing Prayer

Pray for unity, boldness, and opportunities to live out the way of Jesus in this moment. Ask God to use your group as light in the darkness.

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