

RADICALS 3 – Radical Responsiveness

Icebreaker: When someone calls your name unexpectedly, what's your natural reaction – immediate response or hesitation? Why do you think that is? What does it say about your personality type? Do different personality types tend to respond differently? More naturally? More readily?

COME TO ME: Matt 11:28, John 7:37-38, Matt 4:19 ... God's invitation into ...

1. Relational PROXIMITY (Heb 10:19, James 4:8)
2. Relational DEPTH (Hos 6:1-3)
3. Willing SURRENDER (Luke 9:23)
4. Timely SUPPLY (Heb 4:16)

What stands out to you about the way Jesus invites people rather than commands them?
Which part of God's invitation do you most need right now? Proximity, Depth, Surrender or Supply ... and what would 'come to me' look like in each case?

Why DON'T we respond?

1. FEAR
2. PAST HURTS
3. PRIDE
4. IGNORANCE of what's on OFFER
5. BAD HABIT

Which of these barriers do you think affects people most today? Why?
Which one do you personally relate to most right now?
How can fear or past disappointment subtly shape our responsiveness to God?
What habits help us become more spiritually responsive?

Why SHOULD we respond?

1. Matt 11:28-30 → This one is about NEED
 - * REST for the SOUL
 - * FREEDOM from STRIVING
 - * A YOKE that is LIGHT & EASY

Where do people today experience the deepest weariness?
What is the difference between physical rest and soul rest?

2. John 7:37-38 → This one is about SUPPLY
 - * Deep SATISFACTION for spiritual THIRST
 - * Internal FULNESS in the midst of outward insufficiency
 - * The Holy Spirit as your CONSTANT SUPPLY

What does spiritual thirst look like in real life?
Have you experienced God sustaining you internally during outward difficulty? How?

3. Matt 4:19 → This one is about PURPOSE

- * New IDENTITY ("Follow Me")
- * TRANSFORMED life ("I will make you ...")
- * PURPOSE BEYOND YOURSELF ("Fishers of people")

How does following Jesus shape identity differently from trying to 'find yourself'?
Where might Jesus currently be inviting you to follow Him more fully?

Personal Reflection Moment

When Jesus calls, do you tend to move towards Him or hold back?
What might God be inviting you to say 'yes' to right now?

Prayer Response

Invite people to pray one simple prayer aloud or silently: "Lord, help me become quick to respond when You call."

Optional prompts:

- * Pray for courage where fear exists
- * Pray for healing from past hurts
- * Pray for renewed spiritual hunger
- * Pray for clarity of purpose

Baptism Connection

- * What does baptism communicate about responding to Jesus?
- * How does public obedience strengthen private faith?
- * If you have been baptised, how did that moment shape your walk with Christ?
- * If you have not been baptised, is it time?