

Sunday, April 13, 2025

# Responding to Jesus

Matthew 9:27-34

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## WELCOME TO EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

We're so glad you are here to join us in our corporate worship of God this morning. Below is some information about our church.

#### Washrooms

Washrooms are located down the hall (towards the gym). Please accompany all children who need to leave during the service.

# Children's Ministry

Nursery (0-24 months) and Preschool (2s and 3s) are open before the service. Children can be signed in at their respective rooms opposite the washrooms. Kindergarten (JK to Grade 1) and Children's Sunday School (Grades 2 to 5) are dismissed partway through the service. Children must be registered at the Welcome Centre prior to the service.

## Nursing Mothers' Room

There is a private room in the nursery for nursing mothers where you can listen to the service. If you'd like to use this room, please ask one of the nursery workers.

### Gymnasium

The gym will be open for fellowship and play following the morning service. There is no childcare provided during this time. So, please keep an eye on your children to ensure their safety.

### **Financial Support**

The members of Eastwood happily support the work of this church. If you would like to give, you may leave cash or a cheque donation in the mail slot next to the office door or send an etransfer to tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca. All donations are tax receiptable provided your name and address are included on the donation.

#### Questions?

Contact Rita Charron (Office Administrator) at office@eastwoodchurch.ca or 519-633-4131

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Service	
Welcome and Announcements John Hood	
Opening Prayer	
Corporate Worship Service	
Corporate Call to Worship	
Worship in Song	
Complementary Text Reading	
Worship in Song	
Pastoral Prayer	
Dismiss Children	
Scripture Reading	
Sermon Steve Kim	
Worship in Song Praise Band  His Glory and My Good	
CommissionSteve Kim	
BenedictionSteve Kim 2 Thessalonians 3:16	

### Post-Service

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the foyer.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 1. EBC Members' Meeting (Today, following the Worship Service)

The meeting will begin shortly after the morning worship service, following a brief refreshment break.

Please sign in at the Welcome Centre and pick up your voting ballot before returning to the Auditorium for the meeting.

## 2. 55 Plus (Thursday, April 17, 10:00 AM)

Join us for a time of fellowship and food. Laura Gallagher will share her personal experience with autism, and Tim Bahula from ABWE will lead us in a devotional.

Potluck lunch to follow; please bring a dish to share.

# 3. Good Friday Worship Service (Friday, April 18, 10:30 AM)

Come join us as we ponder the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Invite your friends and family: flyers and gospel tracts are available at the Welcome Centre.

After the morning worship service, we will gather in the gym for a congregational potluck lunch. If you would like to join us, please bring a dish as follows:

If your last name starts with a letter between A and M, please bring a side dish or salad, along with a dessert; if your last name begins with a letter between N and Z, please bring a main dish.

Please ensure that your dish serves 8 to 10 people.

# Corporate Call to Worship

#### Psalm 146

#### Leader

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

### Congregation

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

#### Leader

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

### Congregation

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

#### Leader

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

# **SERMON**

Title: Responding to Jesus Text: Matthew 9:27-34	
1.	Jesus Affirmed as the Son of David (27-31)
2.	Jesus Accused as the Servant of the Devil (32-34)
3.	How Will You Respond to Jesus?
	A. The Hostile Response of the Pharisees
	B. The Positive Response of the Crowds
	C. The Faith-Filled Response of the Blind

# SERMON DISCUSSION/APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. In your own words, explain the main point of the text? Why do the miracles fade more into the background?
- 2. Reflect on Matthew 8-9. What have you learned about the identity of Jesus Christ? What do you find most encouraging about him?
- 3. Is there anything in particular that stood out to you from the sermon?
- 4. What is your response to Jesus? Are you more like the hostile Pharisees, the idle crowds, or the faith-filled blind men?
- 5. If you're a Christian, are there ways you functionally act more like the hostile Pharisees or the idle crowds?

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES**

#### This Week

- Men's Floor Hockey (Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM)
- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Eastwood Moms and Tots (Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 AM)
- Women's Book Study (Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM)
- 55 Plus (Thursday, 10:00 AM)
- Youth Ministry, Grades 6-12 (Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM)
- Good Friday Service and Potluck Lunch (Friday, 10:30 AM)
- Free Food and Clothing (Saturday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Easter Sunday Worship Service (Sunday, 10:30 AM)

Please note that there will be no Digging Deeper class on Easter Sunday, April 20.

### **Corporate Prayer Meeting**

The last Sunday of every month 3:00-4:00 PM.

### Serving Opportunity: Sunday Morning Fellowship

If you would like to bake for Sunday morning fellowship, please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

### EBC Workday (Saturday, May 24, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM)

Join us for a church property clean-up day! We have many tasks to complete, including washing windows, gardening, and organizing the clothing room and kitchen. There will be something for everyone to do, so grab a pair of gloves and come out to help. All other tools will be provided.

Water and refreshments will be available throughout the morning, and we will finish off with a pizza lunch at noon.

### Radiant Women's Conference (via simulcast)

Redemption London will be hosting the *Radiant 2025* women's conference via simulcast, and we are invited to join.

Dates: Friday and Saturday, June 6-7 (visit Redemption London website for the full schedule.)

Theme: Faith Works (The Book of James)

Cost: \$60 (Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included)

Location: 250 Commissioners Rd E, London, ON

Register @ www.rbclondon.ca/women/radiant

