

## Series: What to Do When...

### Sermon: They Speak Bad About You

Bible Verses: Matthew 18, Ecclesiastes 7:21-22, 1 Peter 3:9-14

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Problems come when we RESPOND FROM \_\_\_\_\_, INSTEAD OF \_\_\_\_\_.

#### *Four ways we respond from pain:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_. We hold onto the pain, but steer clear of dealing with the situation. ➤ \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_. We overtly attack the people back. ➤ \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.
3. "\_\_\_\_\_ Scenario" thinking. Assuming they *really* said it, exaggerating the meaning, believing everyone feels that way. ➤ \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_. We covertly deal with the person differently. ➤ \_\_\_\_\_.

## IF SOMEONE IS MEAN, MASTER \_\_\_\_\_!

#### How to respond with AIM instead of with PAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_ first. I see them do wrong, but I still hold them in higher regard \_\_\_\_\_.

God cares so much about the "lost person" that \_\_\_\_\_ else to go after them. Redemption is his number 1 goal, and it should be mine, too.

Practically: sometimes redemption requires \_\_\_\_\_ a person.

Practically: sometimes redemption requires \_\_\_\_\_ what was \_\_\_\_\_ from my \_\_\_\_\_.

Practically: sometimes redemption requires responding with \_\_\_\_\_.

Take it home: I should \_\_\_\_\_ a current situation (or past one, for practice) when someone spoke bad of myself. Then, decide which option of the above three options to take, and why.

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- Which of the four reactions do you usually find yourself doing?
- There are three different practical applications. What would be a situation appropriate for each one? What is the difference?