

## INVITATION

We are a community that creates space for all of us to respond to God. Together we seek to know and follow Jesus every day. Jesus invites us into a relationship with him and into a story that is bigger than ourselves.

All this is made possible by what he did on the cross. At the cross, all the power of sin and death died with Jesus; all the debts owed have been paid. And because Jesus rose again, it's possible for us to start a new life with him.

There's two parts to this new life: one, receiving this new life, and two, surrendering our lives to him—acknowledging that he's the leader of our lives. He gets to call the shots. And because he's so loving, being submitted to his leadership is the safest and best place for us to be. If you are ready to start that relationship with Jesus—whether for the first time or as a coming back to him—I would like to invite you to pray this prayer with me.

## RESPONSE PRAYER

God, I believe Jesus is your Son, the Savior of the world. I believe he died on the cross for me, taking away the power of sin and paying the penalty for my sins. I believe in my heart that you raised Jesus from the dead and that he is alive today. I ask that you forgive me for the wrongs that I have done. I receive your forgiveness into my life. By faith I receive Jesus as leader over every part of my life. Change me and make me the person you want me to be. I commit to be a member of your family on earth pursuing your healing purposes for the world. I give you my heart, I give you my life, and I want to know you more! In Jesus' name, amen.

## PREPARATION FOR SMALL GROUP LEADER

### Before Small Group

1. **Pray:** During the week of your meeting, ask God to move in power in your small group. Pray that God would lead who he wants to this small group and prepare their hearts.
2. **Prep:** Type up what you will say for your call to faith, including how you'll transition to the response and how you'll connect it to the passage and/or your story. Then use the script. For example, you could say something like: "As we close our discussion, I would like to create a space for us to respond to God . . ." (Continue on with the rest of the invitation text on this handout.)

### During Small Group

1. **Response:** When you do the response prayer, you can have people repeat after you (silently or out loud), raise their hands with their heads bowed, or stand up as a physical response.
2. **Closing:** At the end of small group, make sure you have people fill out a response card so that you know what happened for them and can follow up.

Have FUN! Experiment. Try it out a couple of times. Share what you're learning on the 2 Calls 2 Faith Facebook group.