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A Weekly Devotional from the
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Did You Have Any Responses

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We're told by some that the day of the "Gospel Meeting" is over. Reason being - little to no responses. Years ago, people can remember when several dozen people would respond to the invitation to rededicate their lives to Christ or to become a Christian, but not so any more.

Grant it, those kind of responses are becoming more and more rare today, but I want to challenge the way we typically think of responses. Is it not the case that every single time the gospel is preached, there is 100% response? Some respond with rejection, while others respond with acceptance.

But before we scrap Gospel Meetings, think of these less concrete responses that must take place in every service:

- Some are strengthened who are weak in the faith.
- Some are given assurance that they have obeyed the truth.
- Some are guided to consider their spiritual condition.
- Some are reminded to be more grateful for what Christ has done.
- Some have their fears and anxieties relieved about death and judgment.
- Some are shown truths that they had never before known or possibly forgotten.

And the list goes on. To measure responses by just how many people walk down the aisle is a near-sighted means of measurement. In fact, the way I see it, every single time the gospel is preached, someone responds.