



# How Should We Respond? - 3/15/2020

## OVERVIEW

Every day activities are being canceled, statistics show more and more illness and our lives are being temporarily disturbed because of the COVID-19 virus. Many people have legitimate fears, concerns and emotions as they are unsure of what may happen next. How, as followers of Jesus, should we react and address things going on in the world around us? How can we spread HOPE despite the current circumstances because we have the hope of God's promises? And how do we (God's church) respond?

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV); Colossians 1:16-17 (ESV); Psalm 147:5 (NASB)

## APPLICATION

- What emotions are evoked in you when you think of what has transpired in our society over the last few weeks?
- "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" How have your responses and actions this week shown a lack of a rejoicing heart?
- Rejoicing starts with who God is. He is gracious, merciful, omnipresent, all-knowing, good, faithful, etc. The list could go on and on. What is a characteristic of God that resonates with you right now during this turbulent time? Why?
- Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Given the constant changes of this past week, where can you express thanksgiving and gratitude to God?
- Follow Jesus and be His light by serving those around you when others want to run. This coming week, how can you operate out of your abundance?
- HOMEWORK: On Wednesday, March 18, check [www.blueridge.org](http://www.blueridge.org) and see how you can partner with us as we spread hope in the community. We will update you on various ways to serve!

