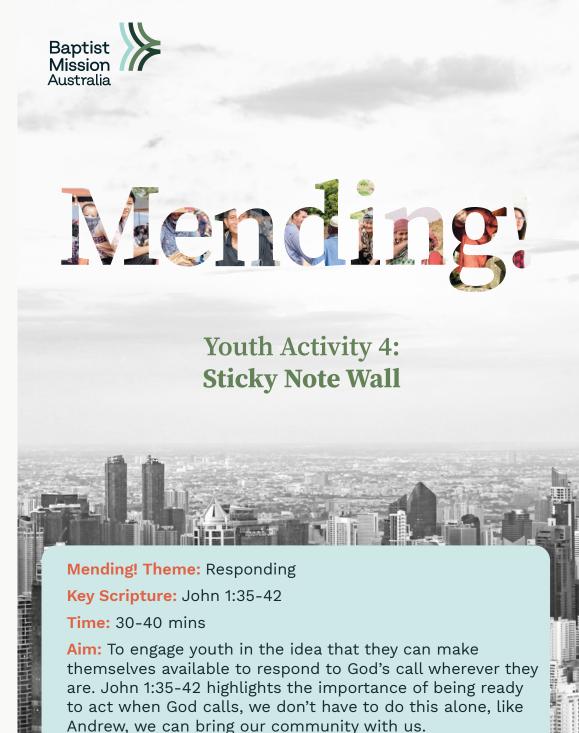
## **Full Mending! Series**

Joining with God in mending a beautiful, broken world.

- 1. Renewing: Galatians 5:16–17, 22–26 It starts with us.
- 2. Relating: Matthew 4:18–22 It's always about relationships.
- 3. Restoring: Luke 4:14–21
  It's about the whole Gospel for the whole world.
- 4. **Responding:** John 1:35–42 It's about availability.



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# **Activity Steps**

### 1. Introduction

- » Gather youth together in a comfortable space conducive to prayer and reflection. Read John 1:35-42 together.
- » Talk about the significance of John's two disciples making themselves available to spend the day with Jesus. Highlight that being a follower of Jesus is not about isolation, it is about supporting each other as we respond to God's calling.

## 2. Sticky note wall

- » Around your space, place three prompts on walls: Me / My Community / The World
- » Split youth into three groups and assign each group to a prompt. Have a range of sticky notes, pens or markers accessible.
- » Invite youth to pray and ask God how they can make themselves available to Him and what He has to say to them. They can write or draw on sticky notes to share their ideas.
  - Me prompt: Focus on their walk with Jesus and how they can listen and respond to God in their everyday lives. How is God's Spirit speaking?
  - My Community prompt: Focus on the different spaces they live life in (e.g. school or sports clubs). How can they listen to God more as they engage with people in these communities?
  - The World prompt: Focus on how they can more fully engage with what is happening in God's mission in His big world. How can they step out of their comfort zones and engage with other cultures and communities? How is God leading them to love all people?

- » Stick the sticky notes on the wall surrounding each prompt. When the nominated 5-10 minutes is up, invite the groups to move to the next station.
- » Repeat this process one last time so that all groups have explored all three prompts.

### 3. Discussion

- » As a big group or in small groups:
  - Take some time to talk about what was shared through the sticky notes. Can you see any links?
  - Invite youth to share the challenges they might face in making themselves available to God.
  - Explore the importance of following God together, like Andrew and Peter, and the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and empowering us as we respond to God's calling.

### 4. Continued engagement

Leaders: How can you use the sticky note ideas to guide future discussions and focus themes? Consider keeping the sticky notes up for a while, to help remind all to keep seeking God and being available to His leading.

## Go Deeper

To extend the session or explore the theme of Responding in your small groups, run the activity alongside questions, explorations and prayers in the Mending! Pastor's and Leaders Guide.



Use the QR code, or navigate to the Pastor's and Leader's Guide on this page: 🎎 🕵 www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/Mending