

“Having The Heart Of Jesus” – Karl Jones

Intro: As Jesus performed miracles and taught, the crowds swelled with excitement and joy. It is almost the same with our assembly today – joy, excitement, anticipation.

Just as Jesus went about restoring hope, health, and changing lives, so what we do here today, in the name of Jesus, will restore hope and health, and will change lives and eternal destinies!

I. The Invitation of Jesus: Come, Follow, Learn of Me.

1. Following Jesus begins with a _____, involves _____, and leads to a lifetime of _____ more and more like Jesus.
2. It is fairly easy to _____ but much more challenging to _____.
 - A.) This world is a _____ for our hearts.
 - B.) This world is constantly seeking to _____ our hearts _____ being like Jesus.

II. Scriptures That Point Us To Becoming Like Jesus.

1. John 13:1-17 – As Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He gives us the example of _____, having a _____.
 - A.) It wasn't so much dirty feet Jesus was aiming at. It was _____ that needed a good washing and changing.
 - B.) Today, you and I are taking up the _____ and _____ in the spirit and with the heart of Jesus.
2. Philippians 2:3-13 – Paul encouraging us to live with the _____ of _____.
 - A.) Notice, the word _____ occurs twice in this reading. Vs. 3 – Conceit and selfishness leave _____. Vs. 7 – When we _____, we are _____ with the goodness of God!
 - B.) Vss. 7-8 – Jesus _____ with those in need to bless, serve, and save. We, today, _____ with our fellow humans in need, seeking to bless, serve, and help save. This is having the _____ of _____!
 - C.) Vs. 13 – What we do here today is _____ at _____ in _____.

III. Why We Rejoice Today.

1. It's not just the amount given that gives us joy. Everyone who has given today is demonstrating the _____ of _____.
2. Our gifts today will bless and help people for months and years to come, even into _____!
3. What God wants most today is not our money. What He wants is for your heart and mine to be shaped into the _____ of _____. What He wants is for your heart to be _____ with the _____ of _____.

Amount Given today: _____