



I Love My Church Sunday We Follow Jesus

Big Idea: Following Jesus means fixing our eyes on Him, embracing His grace, and imitating His humble, servant-hearted life in everything we do.

Main Scriptures:

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NLT)
Romans 8:1 (NLT)
2 John 13:14–15 (NLT)

1. We become what we behold

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NLT) “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.”

2. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Whatever consistently has your attention eventually shapes your heart.

3. There is now no condemnation

Romans 8:1 (NLT) “So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

Jesus took our condemnation so we could receive His grace.

4. Jesus sees people through the lens of redemption

He never ignored sin.

He refused to let someone's worst day become their permanent identity.

5. Jesus picked up a towel

John 13:14–15 (NLT) “And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”

The King became a servant.

The One who deserved a throne picked up a towel.

6. The healthiest churches keep Jesus at the center.

Healthy churches aren't built around preferences.

They're built around Christ.

7. Followers produce fruit

Serving doesn't save us... But surrender always produces fruit.

8. Jesus didn't say, “Attend Me.” He said, "Follow Me."

Following Jesus always requires movement.

9. Don't just admire Jesus, imitate Him.

Disciples imitate what Jesus modeled.

10. Our King picked up a towel

The world chases thrones.

Jesus chose humble service.

May we do the same.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What has been shaping my heart more than Jesus?

Am I simply attending church, or truly following Christ?

Where is Jesus inviting me to pick up a towel and serve?

TALK IT OVER

What does it practically look like to “keep your eyes on Jesus” in everyday life?

Why do you think Jesus chose to wash His disciples' feet instead of simply teaching about humility?

What is one area where you need to stop admiring Jesus from a distance and begin following His example?

THIS WEEK'S ACTION STEPS

Spend time every day this week reading one Gospel story about Jesus and ask, "What can I imitate?"

Find one unnoticed way to serve someone this week without expecting recognition.

Ask Jesus daily, "What's my next step?" and obey whatever He shows you.

Check out this weeks Devotional here <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/68775-the-servant-king>
