

Rebel With A Cause
Luke 6

Slide 1 - Rebel With A Cause

Slide 2 - WET PAINT DON'T TOUCH

Slides 3-6 - Pictures

- Me in MN, TN; Cade on frozen lake
- Nice guys finish last/Bad Boy appeal

Slide 7 - REBEL

- People/adolescence have this innate desire to be a rebel. Be different. Stand out.
 - Totally normal for development. To become independent and find their own identity
- Or do they...? Because if everyone is, they're really just going with the world. Trying all kinds of things the world is saying and doing to find their place and their identity.
- Rebel
 - Merriam-webster - to oppose or disobey one in authority or control; to act in or show opposition or disobedience
 - dictionary.com - a person who resists any authority, control, or tradition.
- Rebellion - opposition to one in authority or dominance
- If you really want to be a rebel...if you really want to turn some heads and get people upset...get outta this world

Slide 8 - John 15:18-19

Slide 9 - Matthew 7:13-14

- We know it's different because He says it's few

Slide 10 - DO NOT CONFORM

Slide 11 - Romans 12:2

Slide 12 - Colossians 3:2

- 1 John 2:15-17 - **15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. **17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Slide 13 - 1 Peter 4:4

- Speaking of no longer living for human passions but for the will of God

Slide 14 - REBEL

- Me at the formal last night
- Noah was different, Caleb and Joshua, Esther, John the Baptist
- Rack, Shack, and Benny
 - **15** Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" **16** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. **17** If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **18** But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."
- Jesus was the ultimate rebel - leader of a new rebellion

- in the middle of His most famous sermon and He is flipping everything on its head
- Talking to his disciples

Slide 15 - Luke 6:20b, 24

Slide 16 - Poor Over Rich

- Gave up all to follow Christ
- Not only physically/materially, but spiritually
 - Knowing they bringing nothing of their own, but are fully dependent on Christ and God's power
 - In contrast to the religious elite who think their doing it by keeping to the law

Slide 17 - Luke 6:21, 25a

Slide 18 - Hungry Over Full

- In Matthew, adds "...for righteousness"
- We will never attain it on earth
- The small tastes of righteousness we get aren't even ours - only possible by God
- So we're in constant want...insatiable for more of God

Slide 19 - Luke 6:21b, 25b

Slide 20 - Mourners Over Laughters

- Mourning for the world
- Disciples of Christ mourn over the world, its guilt, its fate, and its "happiness"
- While the world shrieks "enjoy life!" And imagines progress, strength, and a grand future
- But the disciples know about the end, judgment, and the arrival of the kingdom of heaven, for which the world is not ready
- Because we love them and care about their eternal fate, we actually mourn for those who reject us. We aren't mourning for ourselves or our hurt feelings b/c we are comforted by the cross and the promise of salvation and eternal life
- Part of the reason we're hated, b/c we're ruining their fun by not playing their game

Slide 21 - Luke 6:22, 26

Slide 22 - Hated Over Loved

- This is in term of hated/loved by the world and the world's standards
- Remember John 15:18-19
- Suffering for a righteous cause - fighting the system - rebelling
- B/c of all we just went over, b/c we're part of the rebellion, we'll be hated

Slide 23-24 - Luke 6:27-31

Slide 25 - Love Your Enemies

- Blatantly counter to the law - the authority - rebellion
- Evil trying to produce more evil, but "I'm not playing your game."
- Exposes their sin
- Softball field

Slide 26-27 - Luke 6:32-36

- James 2:19 - **19** You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!
- Rebelling against human nature itself
- Our actions aren't determined by what others do, but always by Christ in us
- These are those who need this love the most
- Mark 9:33-35 - **35** And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Slide 28 - REBEL

- Be different.
- Go against the grain
- Be a rebel

Slide 29 - Join the Rebellion!

- Matthew account (5:19) - “whoever...teaches [these commandments] will be called great in the kingdom of heaven”
- Rebellion - opposition to one in authority or dominance
- Any good rebellion is trying to recruit new members

Slide 30 - Prayer is Available