

Scripture: Luke 10:17-20

Sermon title: Encounters: Resting & Rejoicing

Becoming like Jesus is **the lifelong formation of the life of Christ in us**; we see as He sees, feel as He feels, & do as He does.

- Rest** in the work of Jesus
- Take up** the cross of Jesus
- Put on** the mind of Jesus
- Practice** the habits of Jesus

Become like Jesus by receiving & **resting in the finished work of Jesus**.

After this **the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him**, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.² And he said to them, “**The harvest is plentiful**, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest...

Luke 10:1-2

Jesus is still **calling people from & sending people into the harvest**.

Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.⁹ **Heal the sick** in it and **say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’**

Luke 10:8-9

Jesus is not calling people to do ‘a work’ as much as Jesus is calling people **into ‘His work’**.

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There is power in **the name of Jesus**.

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Jesus calls His people to a powerful work, but **the primary task** is resting & rejoicing in what Jesus has done, not what we have.

Resting in the finished work of Jesus is not a one-time act, it's an ongoing activity.

but **rejoice**

“You stir man to take pleasure in praising you because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

-Augustine of Hippo

Signs of restlessness

Examine your shoulder & make necessary adjustments.

What is the weight you're carrying?

Should you be carrying it?

If so, how should you be carrying it?

What difference does Jesus make in the way you carry what you're carrying?

Examine your soul & actively delight.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
Psalm 103:2

Take 15 minutes & brainstorm all the benefits of what Jesus accomplished on the cross.

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Behold, **I have engraved you on the palms of my hands**; your walls are continually before me.
Isaiah 49:16

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and **see my hands**; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”
John 20:27

Take 15 minutes & brainstorm all the ways Jesus has been good to you.

Rest & rejoice in the finished work of Jesus.