

Sermon Notes
March 10/19 – John 12:20-36
Didn't See It Coming 1: Cynicism

Summary: Sometimes when we get hurt, we choose to stop trusting, hoping and believing and become cynical. But cynical hardens our heart against the people around us who love us most and against God. Our world is messed up but with Jesus there is always hope.

Core Idea: Resting in Jesus' love will help us to see the world with accurate eyes and have a soft heart which enable us to share Jesus' love with others.

Intro: The surprise of burnout

- A. Personal implosions happen
- B. They tend to _____ us
- C. The Good News is that there are warning _____

I. Cynicism

- A. Cynicism defined
- B. Symptoms of Cynicism
 - 1. You _____ too much (Ecc. 1:18)
 - 2. You project the past onto the _____
 - 3. You decide to stop _____ hoping & believing
- C. You become _____ to those closest to you
 - 1. The people around you who love you
 - 2. God

II. Reversing Cynicism (John 12:20-36)

- A. Reframing _____
- B. Re-centering _____
 - 1. Not on human beings
 - 2. Not on circumstances
 - 3. Not on our own abilities

III. Hope in Jesus

- 1. Hebrews 2:14-15
- 2. Romans 8:38-39
- B. Application
 - 1. Accurate _____
 - 2. Soft _____
 - 3. Others will experience Jesus' _____ through us

Conclusion

- A. Imagine what it would be like if all of us could have accurate eyes and soft hearts
- B. Action:
 - 1. Assess: How _____ is your heart?
 - 2. Rest: ...in Jesus' love and let him _____ our cynical heart
 - 3. Dare: ...to trust, believe & _____ in Jesus