

**FOOTSTEPS**  
**What it Really Means to Follow Jesus**

**JESUS CHURCH**

Luke 7:36-8:2

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Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:48, 50*

**Q. What does God want our church to be?**

**A. A church that follows in the footsteps of Jesus.**

**1. A Jesus Church is filled with love.**

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who  
loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does  
not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8*

A. Sinners feel welcome.

B. Sinners feel wanted.

\* There is not a spirit of Simon.

*And He also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in  
themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others  
with contempt. Luke 18:9*

**2. A Jesus Church is brimming with hope.**

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that  
you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

A. There is hope no matter how badly you have messed up.

*And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." Luke 7:48*

\* The key requirement is repentance.

B. There is hope no matter how bleak your future seems.  
*He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. Isaiah 61:3 NLT*

**3. A Jesus Church is experiencing life-change.**

A. You are blown away by His love and grace for you.  
*For this reason I say to you, her sins which are many have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little. Luke 7:47*

B. You are filled with peace and joy in believing.  
*And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:50*

C. You are no longer the same.

\* The key ingredient is discipleship.

**God is calling our church to be a Jesus church. Who's in?**