





It isn't just about copying Jesus' actions; it's about having His heart.

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Luke 7:34).

"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
13 But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:9-13).



Jesus chooses those others reject.

Jesus unashamedly shares life with the "wrong" people.

The Jesus style is "come as you are."

"The church is not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners." – Morton Kelsey "Something is radically wrong when a local church rejects a person accepted by Jesus....

The church that will not accept that it consists of sinful men and women, and exists for them, implicitly rejects the gospel of grace."

- Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel

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- 5. Was motivated by mercy, not controlled by criticism. (Matthew 9:13)