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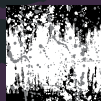
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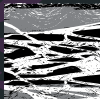
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CHRIST CHURCH 



Our Guide Into the Messy Love of God and Others |

Let's face it, even at their best, people are MESSY. If we are going to tolerate some people—much less treat them as Jesus would—we need help. Fortunately, God offers that. Join us as we make the march toward Easter and learn more about how to love as Jesus loves, because love like His changes everything.

Reflect | Your Scripture focus for the week.

These are specific questions to help process the weekly sermon on your own or in a group setting. Consider typing notes or writing in a journal to keep track of what you are learning about God from this series.

Respond | Here you'll find a practical way to begin living into some of the key points from the message. As Jesus says, "...blessed are all who hear the Word of God and put it into practice." (Luke 11:28). This section guides you from study to practice.

Resource | You'll find relevant podcasts, books or videos to complement this week's theme.

Remember Lent | A preview of what will shape our weekly Lenten audio devotional.

Reflect | Matthew 9:35–38

1. What is one idea from the message that stood out to you?
2. What leads people to become like, “sheep without a shepherd?”
3. What helps you to feel compassion toward others that have messy lives?
4. State in your own words why Jesus felt compassion for the messy crowds?
5. Does hearing people’s stories help you have compassion for them?
Why or why not?
6. What areas of your life would Jesus describe as messy and in need of a shepherd?
7. What solution does Jesus offer to this messy problem?
8. How do you feel about being part of the solution as a worker in the messiness?

Respond | Encouraged forward by Jesus, pray these words throughout the coming week:

Lord Jesus in the midst of my own messiness, may You give me the eyes to see what You see. The ears to hear what You hear. A heart to be moved as Yours is moved and hands that are ready to serve others in the midst of their messy lives.

Resource | Go to BibleProject.com and watch their *Gospel of the Kingdom* video.

Remember Lent | Audio Devotional

Week 1 | Loving Like Jesus by Embracing Our Messy Lives

