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Order of Worship
6 November 2022
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: Messy Church Sermon: "Part Five - Messy Cleanup"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Talk about a time when someone moved toward your mess. How has that experience shaped you? How did you experience God's grace in that time?
- 2. Has there ever been a time you regret ignoring someone else's mess? What do you wish you had done differently?
- 3. What have you learned about "judging" in Church in the past? What is so important about what Jesus communicates to his disciples in Matthew 7 and Matthew 18?
- 4. How do clear boundaries protect us from making a mess even bigger? How have you seen this in your own life?
- 5. During the message, we talked about addressing A mess, but not EVERY mess. Why is this important? What are some ways you decide which messes to move toward?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about following Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



Messy Church "Part Five - Messy Cleanup" Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever seen a mess that made you just want to walk away?

What is the loving course of action if we see someone doing something harmful to themselves or destructive to others—especially in the Church?

1 Corinthians 5:1-3 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. ² And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? ³ For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this.

Address the mess because:

Not addressing the mess helps		
• Paul is upset not just about the action but the		
 Reasons we ignore one another's messes: 		
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Matthew 7:1-5 Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

• Jesus is saying--

Matthew 18:15-17 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector..."

Jesus is saying—

1 Corinthians 5:4-5 So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, 5 hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

II. Not addressing the mess can affect _____

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a

new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Illustration of yeast—

III. Addressing the mess without boundaries won't protect _____

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

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