

Go Deeper Life Group Study

Address the Mess

Inside Out – Week 3

November 26, 2017

ICE-BREAKER...

Would you rather always be in a crowd, or be the only person on earth?

GROUP DISCUSSION...

1. Talk about a time when you narrowly avoided a mess in your life. What helped you avoid it?
2. To what extent is your faith currently defined by the idea that Christianity is about repeatedly making messes and getting in trouble, and repeatedly being forgiven? How do you think that influences the way you view your heavenly Father?
3. During the message, Pastor Mat said, *“Jesus loves the messes of the world and loves us too much to leave us that way.”* Is it difficult to believe that Jesus loves you, messes and all? Why or why not?
4. **Read Philippians 1:3–11.** What might it look like for your love to “abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight”? What do you think it requires to pursue that kind of faith?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being “it couldn’t be worse,” and 10 being “it couldn’t be better,” how would you rate your current prayer life? What, if anything, can you do to change your prayers from requests for behavior modification to requests for transformation of your heart and mind?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to attune your heart to what God is doing in you? How can this group support you and hold you accountable?

REMIND YOURSELF DAILY...

Jesus loves you, even if you’re a mess. But he loves you too much to leave you that way!!!

VERSE OF REFLECTION...

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. 1 Thessalonians 5:23