



MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

I Am Messy

1. In this message, Joel started out by sharing with us that his dog Charlie is the messiest one in his house. For today's icebreaker, do you have a tendency to be more messy or clean at home? & if you're not sure, what does the inside of your car look like currently?
2. Every week in this series, we're going to fill in the blank to *I _____* with something different. This week was called, *I Am Messy*. What are some general ways in which our lives are more messy than they are perfect?
3. The big idea in this message was that *Jesus loves you in your mess so He can help you through your mess*. Has Jesus ever helped you through a messy situation?
4. On Sunday, we looked at what many consider to be Jesus' most famous story He ever told...*The Prodigal Son*. Read the story (Luke 15:11-24). Have someone in the group summarize what the story is about and how it fits into the title, *I Am Messy*.
5. Read Luke 15:17. What had to happen for the son to change his behavior? Have you ever experienced this personally or seen it in others?
6. Discuss this line from the message, *rock bottom can become the bedrock for your comeback*.
7. The Greek word for sin is "Hamartia" and means *to miss the mark*. Some believe it to be a term taken from archery. Can you explain why sin could be described this way?
8. In the story of The Prodigal Son, what does the son think he needs to do to come home and what do you think he's expecting from his dad? What did his dad actually do? Why is this a beautiful picture of our Heavenly Father?
9. The word "prodigal" never actually shows up in the story. It's likely a title that we placed on this story. "Prodigal" means *extravagant*. How could you also describe the father as *extravagant* and just as easily title this story, *The Prodigal God*.
10. In the story, the wild son came home and was welcomed with a party thrown by the father. If you're a Jesus follower, why are you glad you came home. If you're not, is there anything in particular that's holding you back?