

FRIEND OF SINNERS

Part 2: Jesus + Messy People

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Oftentimes we're so afraid of the mess that we miss out on the moment.

Luke 18:35-43

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he

asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told

him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸ He called out, "Jesus, Son of David,

have mercy on me!"

³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him

and told him to be quiet, but he shouted

all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on

me!"

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man

to be brought to him. When he came near,

Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me

to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight;

your faith has healed you."

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and

followed Jesus, praising God. When all the

people saw it, they also praised God.

**The same people who told
the blind man to be quiet
were the ones praising God.**

Jesus invites us to stop. (verse 40)

Jesus invites us to say it out loud. (verse 41)

Jesus invites us to come close. (verse 40)

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way

you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you know someone who's particularly good at entering into other people's messes? What makes them so good at it?
- 2) Do you feel like you have enough margin in your life to stop for someone in need when God says stop? What would it take for you to create that margin?
- 3) What's something that keeps you from inviting people closer?
- 4) Is there something you've been too afraid to ask God for? Can you share it with us? What has made you reluctant to ask God?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?