



life is
messy

Whether we're religious or not, we all have at least one thing in common; we've all made some messes in our lives. You've said things like, "I messed that up," "I made a mess of that," or, "My life is a mess." We've all been in, are in, or are only one decision away from a mess. But there's something you need to know: there's a powerful connection between your messes and your relationship with God.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is the biggest/worst mess (think spills, something torn up, etc. – keep it light hearted) you've ever made?**
- 2. How do you usually respond to other people's messes? Do you go into fix-it mode, listen mode, or judgment mode?**
- 3. Talk about a time when you fell short of your own standards. How did you feel? What did you do to try to clean up the mess you'd made?**
- 4. "If you can see your mess, you can see God. To recognize one is to acknowledge the other." Respond to that statement. Do you agree? Why or why not?**
- 5. Read Romans 3:19-20. In what ways are you tempted to compare yourself to others and think of yourself as righteous based on your behavior? What, if anything, do you currently do to resist that temptation?**
- 6. Read Romans 3:23-24. How do these verses challenge the way you think about your relationship with God? In what ways are they comforting?**