



life is
messy

Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. But that's easier said than done. Which people qualify as neighbors . . . and which don't? How far does our responsibility to others extend? If we make the effort to move toward the messes in other people's lives, how inconvenient is too inconvenient? What are the limits to loving others as we love ourselves?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Who are the people in your life that you would help out of a mess no matter what? What is it about those relationships that motivates you to move past any discomfort to offer help?**
- 2. Talk about a time when someone moved toward your mess. How has that experience shaped you?**
- 3. Read Luke 10:25–37. Which person or group of people are you tempted to disqualify from “neighbor” status? What makes you hesitant to move toward that person's or group's mess?**
- 4. Thinking about that passage in Luke 10, talk about a time when you passed by someone else's mess. What do you wish you had done differently?**
- 5. During the message, Dave said, “Move toward a mess, but not every mess. If you try to move toward every mess, you'll make a bigger mess.” What are some ways you decide which messes to move toward?**
- 6. Is there a mess in someone else's life that you need to move toward? What can you do over the next week, month, or even year to begin to treat that mess as an opportunity instead of an inconvenience? How can this group support you?**