

Faith Group Questions

Address the Mess (Part 1): Mess in the Mirror

1. Read **Romans 3:9, 19-20**. In these verses, Paul is addressing the argument that religious people (Jews) are less messy than irreligious people (Gentiles). What does Paul say, and how would you put it into your own words?
2. What can happen to a church if people who bring certain types of messiness into it are not accepted?
3. It is good for you to be honest with yourself and own the messiness that you contribute to the world. But what happens to a person when they live with “messy” or “messed up” as part of their identity?
4. Think about a mess that you’ve been avoiding. Or think about a mess that you’re partially responsible for but have been blaming on someone else. What is something you can do to immerse yourself in the grace Jesus has for you? What does it look like to project grace to your world?