



***Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!***

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** It's A Mess, from Worst Year Ever, 1/24/21. Message summary: Sometimes the mess is the problem. The mess keeps us from experiencing hope and joy. The mess in our heart usually starts small but easily distracts us from what we need most. Jesus went to the temple and flipped the tables. He was passionate about the house of God where people would worship and find the hope they needed. Jesus cleared the mess so people could see God and find the new life He has for them. 1 Corinthians 6:19 and Romans 8:9 teach us that we are the temple. The place where God's Spirit resides if we have given Him our hearts in faith. Time to clean up the mess and get back to the absolutely amazing experience it is to be close to Him. Let Jesus clean up your heart. Don't wait to work on the mess. *Passages: John 2:13-19, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Romans 8:9*

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Where is the most annoying place for you to find a mess? Where is the place you are most comfortable having a mess?

Read John 2:13-19. What does Jesus' anger tell us about his heart?

Things don't usually get bad all at once. They start with missing the mark just by a degree or two. Over time it builds. Have you ever noticed this in your life? Can you tell a story about how that happened?

What kind of things clutter churches and make it more difficult for people to experience the hope Jesus offers?

What kind of things get in and clutter your heart and keep you from experiencing all Jesus has for you? What could you do to start on the mess this week?

**Group Challenge:** Try to carve out 5 minutes a day, unplugged, phone off, alone, in prayer, out loud. Push past the awkwardness. P.S. If you do it while driving keep your eyes open!