## **Messy Grace**

Ridiculous Grace April 28, 2024

Notes

## **Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

How has your understanding of grace changed or grown during this study?

How are you applying what you've learned about grace to your daily living?

## 1. Read Romans 7:14 - 8:1.

What phrases or ideas from these words of Paul do you relate to the most?

What do you learn about the process of becoming like Jesus (or sanctification) from these verses?

Pastor Chris talked about two methods for dealing with sin – the NO method (me-powered) and the YES method (Spirit-powered). How are these methods different?

We all have 'thorns.' How have you tried to manage yours? What kind of success have you had? Where do you need to say 'YES' to being Spirit-powered in your life?

Does your own experience with the process of becoming more like Jesus affect how you interact with others who are in process?

How do you treat those who have never begun the process? Do you treat those you know and love differently than people you dislike or don't know?

## 2. Read John 17:17, Psalm 119:160 and 1 Corinthians 13:1.

What standard do you use to determine whether something is true?

What does truth without love sound like?

When you share truth with someone else, does it tend to come out sounding like a clanging cymbal or do people hear notes of grace in your words? Do you tend to 'clang' with some people and give grace to others? Why is that?

In what circumstances or situations do you find it difficult to balance truth and love with grace? What could you do to grow in that area?