



## Address the Mess

### Part 1 – “Hot Mess”

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#### Groups Questions

1. How do you usually respond to other people's messes? Do you go into fix-it mode, listen mode, or do you judge their failures? How has that tendency affected your relationships?
2. 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?
3. 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? Compare that to what Jesus said in Matthew 7:4-5.
4. Read Romans 3:21-24. Agree/Disagree: Everyone is trying to justify his or her existence. What are some ways that you try to justify your existence?
5. What could be the result if a person understands free forgiveness, but doesn't understand free justification? Begin by explaining the difference between forgiveness and justification.
6. Who is a person or group that is easy for you to judge? What can you do this week to acknowledge you share common ground with that person or group, that you are or have been a mess? How can this group help you?