

Hope Chapel Series: “Messy to Manageable” - Part 4

Message Summary: Is it possible for the followers of Jesus to impact a city? Can we actually elevate a community beyond its brokenness? The answer is yes! When the followers of Jesus learn to practically love and bless their community rather than criticize it or condemn it, transformation is possible. BUT, this commitment to love and bless can be a bit messy. The word of God tells us that our actions can have a powerful effect.

Loving our City is Messy

Why is loving our City messy?

- 1. Love goes where the brokenness is - John 3:16-17**
- 2. Love is not always received - John 1:10-11**
- 3. It’s harder to love than to condemn - Matthew 7:1-3**
- 4. Love is risky - Mark 3:16-19**

How do we keep following Jesus loving our city?

- 1. Accept responsibility for our city - Jeremiah 29:7**
- 2. Risk meeting community needs - Matthew 5:14-16**
- 3. Stay true to the Gospel - Acts 4:12**
- 4. Persevere in the course God gave us - Hebrews 10:35-36**

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: *Sign-up today*

OPEN IT (15min) - In what ways have you experienced messiness in our City? (Please share without using names or gossiping).

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday’s sermon outline and answer the following questions:

1. How is living a life committed to love others messy?
2. There were four reasons why loving a city can be messy. Discuss each one and the example set by Jesus.
3. There were four ways we can be committed to love our community. Discuss each one and the Scriptures provided.
4. Discuss barriers we may encounter living this way. Some of these barriers may be external while others may be internal within ourselves.

APPLY IT (15min) - In what ways can you love our city like Jesus? Can you describe what He is asking you to do?