

SERMON NOTES

Date: September 17, 2017

Series: Messy Church

Title: Called to Be Saints

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Big Idea: God is faithful to take messy people and turn them into his mighty saints.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why is it appropriate to call the Corinthian church a messy church? _____

In what ways is the church today (even our local church) a messy church? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. Why is First Corinthians relevant for our church and your life today? Why should you take this study seriously? _____

What does Paul mean when he says that the Corinthians are sanctified in Christ and called to be saints? Why should this provide hope for messy people in messy churches? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How honest are you about the messiness of your own life before God, with others, and even with yourself? How do you try to stuff it, hide it, forget it? Why do you respond this way? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

What are the blessings Paul thanks God for in verses 4-9? _____

Which of these blessings give you the most comfort and encouragement amid your own messiness? _____

Identify three messy areas in your life. Do others know about them? What is keeping you from seeking help and accountability? What steps does God want you to take to really begin to deal with it and change? _____

Prepare to share one area of messiness with another believer who can pray for you, hold you accountable, and help you change. Write it down here: _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Commit this study of First Corinthians to the Lord, asking him to reveal your messiness and the messiness of our church, so that he can help us remember our identity in Christ and really begin to change.