**TITLE: MESSY CHURCH: Growing Up Together in Christ**

**SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

Join us for the next 10-weeks as we explore how God works through a flawed, imperfect, and often chaotic communities. The letter to the Corinthian believers is a powerful example of how God’s grace, truth, and Holy Spirit can transform a messy church into a mature one.

**MESSY CHURCH: A Series in 1 Corinthians Breakdown:**

**Overview Passage:** *1 Corinthians 1:2–9*  
**Theme:** God’s grace is bigger than our mess. The Church may be flawed, but it’s still God’s Church.

**Week 1: Called in the Chaos (June 1)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 1:1–9  
**Main Idea:** God calls imperfect people into His perfect purpose.  
**Key Points:**

* God sees the potential in the messy (v.2 – “called to be saints”).
* Grace is the foundation, not performance (v.4–5).
* God is faithful even when we are not (v.9).  
  **Takeaway:** Our mess doesn’t disqualify us—God’s calling defines us.

**Week 2: Divided We Fall (June 8)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 1:10–4:21  
**Main Idea:** A divided church misrepresents a united Christ.  
**Key Points:**

* Division reveals spiritual immaturity (3:1–3).
* We follow Christ, not personalities (1:12–13).
* Gospel-centered leadership builds unity (4:1–2).  
  **Takeaway:** Unity is not uniformity—it’s allegiance to Jesus above all.

**Week 3: Moral Messes (June 15)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 5:1–6:20  
**Main Idea:** Holiness is not optional—it’s essential.  
**Key Points:**

* The church must lovingly confront sin (5:1–2).
* Judgment begins in the house of God (5:12–13).
* Our bodies matter—they belong to God (6:19–20).  
  **Takeaway:** Grace doesn't ignore sin—it empowers change.

**Week 4: Relationship Real Talk (June 22)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 7  
**Main Idea:** God has wisdom for every relationship status.  
**Key Points:**

* Marriage is a calling, not a cure (7:2–5).
* Singleness is not second-class (7:7–8, 32–35).
* Faithfulness matters more than status (7:17–24).  
  **Takeaway:** Live fully for God in whatever season you're in.

**Week 5: Freedom and the Weaker Brother (June 29)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 8–10  
**Main Idea:** Love limits liberty for the sake of others.  
**Key Points:**

* Knowledge puffs up, love builds up (8:1).
* Don't use your freedom to cause others to fall (8:9).
* Do all to the glory of God (10:31).  
  **Takeaway:** True maturity expresses itself in sacrificial love.

**Week 6: Order in Worship (July 6)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 11  
**Main Idea:** Worship that honors God brings healing, not harm.  
**Key Points:**

* Honoring one another reflects God’s design (11:3–16).
* Communion should unite, not divide (11:17–34).
* Examine your heart before you worship (11:28–29).  
  **Takeaway:** How we treat each other affects how God receives our worship.

**Week 7: Gifts in the Mess (July 13)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 12  
**Main Idea:** God gives different gifts for one common goal—love.  
**Key Points:**

* Every believer is gifted (12:4–7).
* We need each other (12:21–26).  
  **Takeaway:** Use your gift, but always lead with love.

**Week 8: Love in the Mess (July 20)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 13

**Main Idea:** Love is the only things that matters in the body of Christ

**Key Points:**

* Gifting without love is worthless (v. 1-3)
* The way of love that we can practice (v. 4-7)
* Love is the key to growing up into maturity (v. 8-13)

**Week 8: Resurrection Reality (July 27)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 15  
**Main Idea:** The resurrection isn't just an event—it’s our identity.  
**Key Points:**

* The resurrection is central to the gospel (15:3–4).
* If Christ is risen, our faith has meaning (15:14–17).
* Death is defeated, and we live with purpose (15:58).  
  **Takeaway:** The resurrection gives us reason to live boldly and faithfully.

**Week 9: Living the Gospel Generously (August 3)**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 16  
**Main Idea:** A transformed life is marked by generosity, love, and purpose.  
**Key Points:**

* Plan and prioritize giving (16:1–2).
* Ministry is a team effort (16:10–12).
* Let all you do be done in love (16:14).  
  **Takeaway:** A messy church can still live on mission.

**Optional Week 10: From Mess to Maturity**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians (summary reflection)  
**Main Idea:** God doesn't throw away messy churches—He transforms them.  
**Key Points:**

* Reflect on where we’ve seen growth.
* Identify where we still need grace.
* Commit to growing together.  
  **Takeaway:** God’s not done with us—and that’s good news.