

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

WRECK THE ROOF: WEEK 4

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Imagine for a moment that you walk into your house and discover a mess. What's the first thing you do? Why? How do you handle messes in your home? Are you the kind of person who has to immediately fix it or can you let it go? Why? How do you respond to a mess if you see it in another person's house?

People – and therefore relationships – can be messy. When you think of what makes a person (or relationship) “messy,” what words come to mind? What words come to mind when you think of your own “messiness”? Why are we so quick to judge other people's messiness and excuse our own?

Read Acts 9:1-12. Put yourself in Ananias' place for a moment. How would you have responded to what God was asking you to do? Would you have been hesitant to go and visit Saul? Why or why not? What excuses would you have made?

Read Acts 9:13-19. What did Ananias ultimately decide to do? Why do you think he chose to obey God's word to him? According to Acts 9:17, what were the first two words Ananias said to Saul? What does this tell us about his willingness to accept Saul and welcome him into the church? What would it look like for us to create this same kind of welcome for “messy” people in today's church?

Kyle reminded us that Jesus delights in turning messes into masterpieces. How have you experienced that firsthand in your own life? How has God been patient and gracious with you in your messes and mistakes? What are some practical ways for you to practice that same patience and graciousness with the people around you?

Read Acts 22:12-16. Years later, Paul would recount the words Ananias spoke to him. How did Ananias encourage Paul on that day? How do you think those words of encouragement had stuck with Paul and motivated him? Who is one person in your life you can speak this same kind of encouragement into this week?