

Series: Too Messy  
Sermon: The Towel Challenge  
January 3, 2016

1. Do you know someone who has been an overachiever in some area of life? How did they overachieve? Why do you think they overachieved?
2. Have you ever been a part of a team? What life lessons did you learn from being a part of the team?
3. "The church can be viewed as a locker room. The games not in here, inside these walls; it's out there. The locker room is where you come to get taped up, to get fired up, to get scolded when necessary, to review the game plan, to pull together his team. This is where the team gathers to prepare for the game, which is for the most part out there." Is this how you view the church?
4. Read Matthew 9:9-13.
  - A. Does it surprise you that Jesus spent time with tax collectors and sinners in verse 10?
  - B. What does the phrase mean "I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices?"
5. Who do you consider great? What characteristics or qualities cause someone to be great in your eyes?
6. Read Mark 9:33-35. What were Jesus' criteria for being great?
7. Read John 13:1-17.
  - A. Why do you think Jesus washed the disciples' feet?
  - B. Read verses 12–15. What do these verses mean to you?
8. Did you take a towel from the service today? If so, do you have any ideas of how you could lean in and get your towel dirty?