



***Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!***

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** The Potter and the Clay, 3/5/23 - Is God an unrelenting tyrant? Is He a pushover? Does He waiver, making demands of us sometimes and taking an apathetic stance at others? We know God reigns, but how? With the aid of a simple parable, this Talk reveals the awesome character of God and our relationship with Him. (*Passages: Jeremiah 18:1-10, Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:39*)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Do you look to God in all things? For answers, the right words to say in hard circumstances, direction, solutions to conflict? Do you reflexively try to solve and fix most everything yourself? Do you have examples of both that you can compare outcomes?

Read Jeremiah 18:1-10. What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

Through success and failure, joy and grief, peace and chaos, victory and defeat, God is with us. Just as the potter's hand is ever on the clay to mold it according to his design, God is always with us and never gives up on us. Even if we resist Him. Though the shaping is painful at times, it is entirely worth it. His plan is always better.

Identify actions and consequences in the passage you read. What does the passage speak to you about God's character? His forgiveness? How should we respond?

God has a plan for each of us. Though we try to control things at times and make our share of mistakes in the process, He is always there to reshape us to complete that amazing plan. And God is patient with us; always prepared to gently guide us back toward His design. Finally, God is all powerful. The free will that he gifted to us allows us to go astray. But ultimately, He is sovereign and in control. What do you need to trust Him with today?

You are worth so much to God. And you are in His hands, the safest place, while He patiently waits for you to yield to Him. Allow Him to mold you to look more and more like Jesus.

**Group Challenge:** Extend an invitation to church to someone you know!