

THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

Jeremiah 18:1-12
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INTRO:

"Clay" Video

A. GOD HAS A SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES

1. The context of Israel's time (Jeremiah 1:1-3)
2. The calling of Jeremiah's life (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

B. GOD LEADS US TO A PLACE WHERE HE CAN TRANSFORM US

1. God gives a vision (Jeremiah 18:2a)
2. God gives us a revelation (Jeremiah 18:2b)

C. GOD IS IN THE PROCESS OF USING US

1. God molds us (Genesis 2:7; Psalm 139:13-16; Job 10:9)
2. God is committed to us (Jeremiah 18:3; Isaiah 64:8)
3. God reshapes us (Jeremiah 18:4; Romans 9:20-21)
4. God uses us (Jeremiah 18:5-9; 2 Corinthians 4:7)

CONCLUSION

"You are special because of who you are, not because of what you have done. God sees you as His masterpiece, not because you have made something of yourself, but because He made you. He is the potter; you are the clay."

(Max Lucado)

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker: What is your favorite pot, vase, or ceramic container in your house? Why is it significant for you?
2. What is the significance of God sending Jeremiah to the potter's house?
3. What does the marred pot symbolize?
4. How does the potter's ability to reshape the clay reflect God's relationship with Israel?
5. What is the message in verses 7-10 about God's dealings with nations?
6. What warning does God give to Judah and Jerusalem in verse 11?
7. How do the people respond to God's warning in verse 12, and what does this reveal about their attitude?
8. What lessons can modern readers learn from this passage?

Close the Life Group meeting by praying for one another.