

A THEOLOGICAL FIELD TRIP

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. Was anything said in the sermon that got your attention, raised a question or had an impact on your life?

DIGGING DEEPER (*Jeremiah 18:1-16; Isaiah 45:5-9*)

2. How can we demonstrate our belief that God, the POTTER, is in control?
3. Name some ways that we, as CLAY, can get hardened or softened.
4. How has God been shaping you recently for His plan and purpose?

APPLICATION:

5. What attitude and action is required to allow God to make you into a vessel that is good to Him?

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Things have been pretty intense so far in this great prophetic *Book of Jeremiah*. Now sit back and relax as we go on a theological field trip to the potter's house. The manufacturing of pottery was a major industry in the Near East and therefore served as a very useful visual for revealing theological truth. Let's open our minds to grow in our understanding of ourselves and God. Let's together trust the hands of the potter as they shape us into useful vessels.

1. **The potter is in charge** - (*Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 45:5-9*). We are under the absolute power and sovereignty of a loving God.
2. **The clay is 100% dependant on the potter** - (*Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 29:16*). The worthiness of our life is attained directly from the hands of God.
3. **The potter has a purpose for the clay** - (*Jeremiah 18:1-6*). Every life is being uniquely shaped for a unique purpose.

Conclusion

Jesus came to the same conclusion. We may also submit to the plans and purpose of God for everyone's benefit.

NEXT WEEK: 6/12 • Thus Says the Lord-Jeremiah 21-24
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