



What is God Saying to Us About Our Hearts?

Small group discussion guide for the sermon on Sunday, October 12.



Scripture:

Jeremiah 18:1-12



Sermon:

Pastor Jim Bradford

Key Takeaways

1. God is the Potter, and we are the clay in His hands. Not all clay starts out the same, but God can work with any type of "clay" (person).
2. When mistakes are made, the clay (us) aren't discarded - there's always hope for a restart with God.
3. We must constantly pay attention to the condition of our hearts to avoid drifting away from God.

Discussion

1. How does the image of God as a potter and us as clay resonate with you? What aspects of this metaphor do you find comforting or challenging?
2. Sometimes clay needs to be reconditioned with moisture and pressure. How have you experienced God's "reconditioning" in your life through the Holy Spirit (moisture) and life circumstances (pressure)?
3. Reflecting on the image of being 'clay in the hand of the potter,' what areas of your life do you find hardest to surrender to God's shaping? Why?
4. How do you balance the understanding of God's judgment with His grace and willingness to 'reshape' us? What does this reveal about God's character?
5. Reflect on Hebrews 3:12-13. How can we practically encourage one another to prevent our hearts from becoming hardened?

Practical Applications

1. Reach out to at least one person in the group each day this week with a specific, intentional encouragement related to their faith journey.
2. Write down 2-3 areas in your life where you feel you might have "air pockets" - inconsistencies or weak spots in your faith or character. Pray over these areas and invite God to work on them.
3. If you feel you need a "restart" in any area of your life with God, take time this week to repent and recommit that area to Him.