

In The Hands of the Potter

A One-Week Bible Study Guide

Primary Passage: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Introduction

In Jeremiah 18, God sends the prophet Jeremiah to an ordinary potter's workshop to witness an extraordinary lesson. Instead of beginning with words, God begins with an illustration. As Jeremiah watches the potter shape the clay, God reveals an important truth about His relationship with His people and calls them to respond.

This study is designed to help you slow down, observe the passage carefully, and reflect on what God may be teaching you through His Word.

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Day 1

Observe Before You Interpret

Read

Jeremiah 18:1-3

Key Thought

God did not immediately explain His message to Jeremiah. He first invited him to observe.

Questions

- Why do you think God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house instead of simply telling him the message?
- What does Jeremiah actually see happening in these verses?
- What details stand out to you that you may have overlooked before?

Reflection

Sometimes we are so eager to understand that we forget to slow down and pay attention. What might God be inviting you to notice this week?

Prayer

Ask God to give you eyes that are willing to observe and a heart that is willing to listen.

Day 2

The Potter at Work

Read

Jeremiah 18:3-4

Key Thought

The first thing Jeremiah notices is not the clay. He notices the potter at work.

Questions

- What does the passage tell us about the potter?
- How does the potter respond when the vessel becomes flawed?
- What does the potter *not* do?

Reflection

What do these verses teach you about God's patience and purpose?

Prayer

Thank God that His work is never careless or rushed.

Day 3

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Listening to God's Explanation

Read

Jeremiah 18:5-10

Key Thought

God does not leave Jeremiah guessing. He explains the lesson.

Questions

- According to verse 6, what does the potter represent?
- Who does the clay represent in this passage?
- Why is it important to let God explain the illustration instead of making assumptions?

Reflection

How does this passage help you understand God's authority and His desire for His people?

Prayer

Ask God to help you trust His wisdom even when you do not fully understand His work.

Day 4

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God's Call to Respond

Read

Jeremiah 18:11

Key Thought

The lesson about the potter was never simply about pottery. It was about God's invitation to turn back to Him.

Questions

- What command does God give His people?
- Why do you think God warns His people before judgment comes?
- What does repentance look like according to this verse?

Reflection

Is there an area of your life where God has been calling you to respond?

Prayer

Pray for a heart that is quick to obey God's voice.

Day 5

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The Call Continues

Read

Matthew 4:17

Mark 1:15

Acts 2:38

Key Thought

The call to repentance did not end with Jeremiah.

Questions

- What common theme do you see in these passages?
- Why is repentance such an important part of the gospel message?
- How do these verses connect with Jeremiah 18?

Reflection

What does it mean to turn toward Christ in your daily life?

Prayer

Thank Jesus for making forgiveness and new life possible through His death and resurrection.

For Personal Reflection

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Spend a few quiet minutes with the Lord and consider these questions.

- What is God saying to me through Jeremiah 18?
- Is there an area where I have been resisting His direction?
- Is there a step of obedience I have been delaying?
- Is there a relationship that needs to be restored?
- Is there a habit I need to surrender?
- What is one practical way I can respond this week?

Write down one action you believe God is calling you to take.

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