Jeremiah 18:1-12; 19; 20:1-2; 9:23-24

Readings this week:

Jeremiah 18: 1-12
 Jeremiah 19
 Isaiah 29: 13-24
 Isaiah 45: 9-13
 Isaiah 64
 Romans 9: 15-26
 Timothy 2

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that the understands, and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the LORD.

Jeremíah 9:23-24

The prophet Jeremiah often used really graphic visual aids to try to get people to take notice of his message. Read Jeremiah 18:1-12. Write underneath the pictures what is happening and what it represents.







What does this visit to the potter tell us about doing wrong? How does Jeremiah's message affect us and our relationship with God? Discuss your ideas with your group.

Now look at Jeremiah 19 together and make a note of what each picture is saying and what it represents.







What is God looking for in us that will please him? Is it the same as Jeremiah 9:23-24?

Think about the first visit to the potter. When a pot is made does it need pressure from the inside or the outside or both to shape it? What does this tell us about the way we can make and change decisions about our lives?

Are you easy clay to use or hard? Think about it!

What sort of attitude will result in you being classed as a pot fit for smashing?

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	then they are formed into a well made pot. But if
	they refuse to change their ways, then, like the
	pot in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, they will be 5

Digging Deeper

There are some other verses in the Bible about clay and potters. Look up Isaiah 29:16, 45:9 and Romans 9:20-21 and try to summarise what they are saying.

This is a hard thing to accept sometimes especially when we see people suffering greatly and through no fault of their own.

Hebrews 12:7 helps to show us one reason that we have suffering

These verses help us to have the right attitude to the way God treats us.

Isaiah 64:8, Job 1:20-22 and 2:10. (Job said this when he had tremendous amount of suffering)

Pray
that God
will mould
you into a pot
that will please
him.