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A Small Group Series

Part 3: Who Is He Making Me To Be?

Jeremiah 18:1-4

1This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” 3So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Psalms 139:13-14

13For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
14I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

Ephesians 2:6-10

6And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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Message notes:

Think about the fact of God molding entire _____.

We want to be shaped by the potter into the likeness of _____.

What God's making you is who you are, and who you are will determine the things that He _____ with you.

He's _____ you for a purpose.

He's not _____ yet. You can't grade the product based on where you are now.

I'm going to shape a vessel for my purposes that I'm going to be able to display the glory of my _____, not by everything that was done here.

God will never ask you to do something He didn't _____ you to do.

He doesn't make _____. What he's made out of you is beautiful.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Jeremiah's story shows us that God can shape nations. How can the truth that God is shaping entire nations help you trust Him with the seemingly small details of your personal journey?
2. Pastor Jamie warned against living in "delusional ways" about who we want to be rather than who God designed us to be (like the Don Johnson story). Where might you be tempted to pursue something God never intended for you?
3. How does focusing on 'who you are becoming' rather than 'what decision to make' change your approach to important life choices?
4. We can all struggle with being "pliable" and "moldable" clay. What areas of your life might God be asking you to yield to Him right now?
5. How does remembering that you and others are "under construction" change how you interact with fellow believers?

Ministry Time:

Psalm 139:14 says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Pray for anyone who struggles with aspects of how God made them that have been difficult to accept. Ask God to reveal ways to embrace those things.

Thank God for how He has uniquely designed each person in the group. Ask for grace to yield to His shaping process, even when it's painful, and for wisdom to discern God's purposes in current circumstances.