



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of December 1, 2019

Sermon: "Clay Jars and Eternal Weights"

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

SUMMARY

You are a clay jar: fragile, forgettable, and unremarkable. But God has chosen to place his treasure, the glory of the new covenant, in all those jars who are in Christ. In this outward weakness and inward glory, we resemble Jesus as we are renewed inwardly everyday in anticipation of the eternal weight of glory coming for us.

FOR FAMILIES

Have you ever accidentally broken anything, like a jar or a plate or a cup?

The Bible says that outwardly we are fragile and breakable, like jars or plates. In what ways do you sometimes feel fragile?

For a while, you may grow and get stronger, but eventually you will reach an age when you start to get weaker as you get older. Why do you think God would make us outwardly weak?

The Bible talks about how although we are weak now, we will be resurrected to be with and like Jesus. Ask your parents how we can be confident of our future resurrection.

FOR GROUPS

Confess and discuss your outward weakness. In what ways are you a "clay jar"? What sins do you tend to come back to and feel powerless to change?

How have you experienced the sustaining power of God in your life?

Read John 12:23-25. How does this truth relate to our passage and help us to embrace our weakness and death?

What do you find disappointing about your life when you examine it? What outward, unbiblical expectations are you putting on yourself?

How does the promise of inward renewal and eternal weight cause us to treasure Christ and his gospel?

How are you tempted to "look to things that are seen" and place your hope in things that will disappoint? How can we remain faithful to prepare ourselves for glory?