

# Sermon Study Guide



## God's Not Finished

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### Reflect

What is the most precious thing you have that may not be of great value to others?

### Read and Discuss

#### Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-11

#### Discussion Questions

Read Jeremiah 18:1-11. The people of God in Judah were in crisis. They belonged to God, but they had forgotten Him. But instead of turning away from them during a time when they were facing a terrifying invading force, God sent them messages of hope through the prophet Jeremiah. To those of us who are in crisis, we learn three life-giving lessons of hope from this passage.

1. **God is still at work (v. 1-6).** What lesson of hope can you learn from the potter at work? Discuss how God can remake or put together again a person who messed up and disobeyed Him into a vessel that is useful? Have you ever prayed, "Have Your own way with my life, Lord"? What does this expression of desire and surrender mean to you?
2. **God wants to accomplish His good purpose (v. 7-10).** What was the warning to the nation of Judah if they would continue to forget God? What would happen if they would repent of their sin? What are the choices you can make if God is telling you to turn away from sin that you are committing? What are the possible results of these choices? Why would God still use someone who had made many mistakes in his life? How do you feel that God is still at the potter's wheel today ready to rework your life into something wonderful?
3. **God calls us to return to Him (v.11).** How did God try to get His people to turn and return to

Him in Jeremiah 6:16 and Jeremiah 7:23? Describe the process of how a clay could turn into a beautiful teacup or an ornament. How does God mold a person into a beautiful and useful vessel? Like dried up clay, what would happen to a person who stubbornly refuses to return to God? What should you do so that you will not turn into that kind of person?

### Respond

**In Walk:** The Bible says that in Christ, we are part of God's family. If you want your life to matter, ensure you stay in the Master's hand. Abide with God. Spend time with Jesus. Read His Word. Take time to pray. Stay pliable. Stay moldable. Don't drift away from the Master and be some ugly piece of half-formed pottery that's all dried up. Stay in the Master's hand!

Where are you in your relationship with God? Do you allow Him to mold you in a way that He wants or do you resist anything that would turn you into a better person and be useful for God's use?

**In Prayer:** Heavenly Father, it is so reassuring that You are not finished with me yet. Thank You that You are still at work in my life, that You want to accomplish Your good purpose in me. And thank you that when I drift away from You, You call me back to Yourself. What great hope I have in You! Please help me to stay moldable in Your hand so that I will constantly be a better version of myself for Your glory. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.