

Home Sweet Home

Week Four: Home Is Where I Feel Valued

Sermon Notes

1. God Always **Creates** a **Masterpiece** (Ps 139:13-14 and Ps 8:3-5)
2. God **Shapes** And **Reshapes** Us Into a **Vessel** of Honor (Jer 18:1-4)
3. God **Uses** His Vessels of Honor for His **Good Works** (2 Tim 2:20-21)

Getting Started...

Before you start, ask someone to pray for the facilitator who will guide the discussion.

Icebreaker: Have you ever made anything out of clay? Tell about it.

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

Mark Rhoads said that God doesn't measure the beauty of His creation as man does. Read 1 Samuel 16:7b When the Lord looks at our hearts, what specific things do you think He values most? Explain.

What sorts of outward things do we tend to look at when we judge a person?

More....

Read Jeremiah 18:1-6 and Isaiah 64:8

Even though God asserts the right to do with His people what the potter does with an imperfect vessel (imperfect pieces get made into something else), why and how should this be comforting to us?

Why do people often doubt God's perfect design? Has there ever been a time when you doubted what He was doing (or not doing) in your life? Tell about it.

Read Genesis 3:1-6. Now read Philippians 1:6

How are those words encouraging to you?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10 in several versions of the Bible.

What does it mean that you are "God's masterpiece" or "His workmanship"? How does your view of others change when you realize that they are as well?

On a practical, moment by moment basis, what does it mean to believers that we are to be immersed in good works?

Is there a difference between God loving you "as you are" or God loving you "where you are"? Explain your thoughts.

Taking It Home...

To what degree are you submitting to the potter?

How are you submitting to God's plan for your life?

Daily Readings

Day 1		Psalms 139:13-14
Day 2		1 Corinthians 3:9-11
Day 3		Romans 9:20-24
Day 4		1 Corinthians 2:9
Day 5		Colossians 1:27
Day 6		Psalms 8:3-9
Day 7		Colossians 1:9-10