

## Wednesday

Read: Jeremiah 18:7-8 *Our choice*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you feel about God changing God's mind?*
2. *Does this change your mind about our free will?*

**Prayer Focus** How blessed we are to know you can change your mind, great God. To know that you are not out to destroy us when we fail. To know that you want us to choose to be faithful to you rather than to continue in our mistakes. Stay in a full relationship with us, God.

## Thursday

Read: Jeremiah 18:9-10 *God's choice*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do we fail to listen to God's voice?*
2. *What are God's intentions toward us as God's children?*

**Prayer Focus** We don't always like being held accountable for our actions, God. But being accountable to you is an expression of your perfect love, love that understands and isn't waiting to say "Gotcha," but instead says "Let's begin again."

## Friday

Read: Jeremiah 18:11 *Re-working our lives*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does it mean to you that God might be planning against us? Is this your image of God?*
2. *What actions might we take to be more closely aligned with God's intentions for us?*

**Prayer Focus** We hear again the words of the prophet teaching us that we need a full relationship with you, God. Help us to be accountable to you. Guide us to bring that comforting word to anyone feeling lost and marred. Change our minds and our lives with your unconditional love.

## When Revision is Needed

**Pastor's message:** *Jeremiah 18:1-11; Revision is not easy but bringing the best in the end. Like a potter, God intends to produce a masterpiece out of us.*

**Message Notes:**

## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What are some things that, when broken, are impossible to repair? What do you do?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

Discuss observations about the text

- *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
- *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)



## WHEN REVISION IS NEEDED

### September 4, 2022

### Monday

**Read: Jeremiah 18:1-4** *The potter's work*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did God choose a potter to teach Jeremiah?*
2. *Reflect on a time when you had a "do over," a second chance to do or to become something better than before. What was your response?*

**Prayer Focus** A potter doesn't destroy a work because it's marred; a potter chooses not to waste precious clay. You, God, our maker, choose to make us into a new creation. We thank you, Creator.

### Tuesday

**Read: Jeremiah 18:5-6** *Israel's potter*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How does God shape us, mold us?*
2. *What do you think of the idea that God might want to rework us if God sees us as a spoiled creation?*

**Prayer Focus** We know you've created parameters, God, and that our choices can bring consequences that sometimes cannot be overturned. We give thanks that we are in your hands; that you are still with us, not ready to just toss us aside.