

## At the Potter's House - Jeremiah 18:1-19:15

**Topics:** Accusation, Anger, Blessing, Death, Disobedience, Enemies, Evil, Forget, Forgiveness, Forsake, Goodness, Idolatry, Instructions, Law, Listening, Lost, Murder, Questions, Plans, Punishment, Remembering, Repentance, Sacrifice, Sin, Stubbornness, Teaching, Wisdom, Words

### Open It

1. What is the most arrogant statement you've ever heard?
- \* 2. What are some things that, when broken, are impossible to repair?

### Explore It

3. Where did God send Jeremiah to receive a message from Him? (18:1-2)
4. What was the potter doing as Jeremiah watched? (18:3-4)
- \* 5. How did God liken His power over the nations to the decisions of the potter? (18:5-10)
6. What unthinkable deed had Judah done against God? (18:13-15)
7. Where did the people of Judah begin to walk when they left God's ways and began to worship idols? (18:15)
8. What did God say He would do because Israel worshiped idols? (18:16-17)
9. What was being said about Jeremiah by the people who resisted his message? (18:18)
10. Of which past deeds did Jeremiah remind God? (18:19-20)
11. How did Jeremiah ask God to deal with his enemies? (18:21-23)
12. Where did God instruct Jeremiah to take the elders and deliver a prophecy? (19:1-2)
- \* 13. What practices (carried out in the Valley of Ben Hinnom) would bring God's judgment on the people? (19:3-5)
14. Why would the name of the valley where Jeremiah stood be changed? (19:6-9)
15. What was the meaning of the symbolic action the Lord told Jeremiah to carry out? (19:10-12)
16. Whose houses would become defiled like the city dump? (19:13)
- \* 17. What message did Jeremiah take to all the people in the temple because of the reaction of the elders to whom he had delivered the prophecy? (19:14-15)

### Get It

18. What is significant to you about the image of God as a potter?
19. Why did the people think Jeremiah was expendable?
- \* 20. Even after God has pronounced a judgment, what might make Him relent or reconsider, either for good or ill?
21. What comes to mind when you think of the image of God turning His back instead of showing His face?
22. What are some ways in which you have avoided the unpleasant in the past?
- \* 23. What do you think will become of people who abuse or neglect children, unless they repent?

### Apply It

- \* 24. What is a practical way in which you can demonstrate God's concern for a child in need in the coming weeks?
25. What God-fearing person in a position of leadership could use your encouragement today?