

**Life Group Leader Notes**  
**December 2025**  
**The Potter and The Clay**

*But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.* *Isaiah 64:8*

83 times in the Bible, God is spoken of as The Potter and human beings as the clay.

To create a beautiful piece of pottery the following is needed:

1. The Potter: The Potter is creative and has a love for His art. God is the master Potter.  
*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* *Genesis 1: 27*  
*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* *Ephesians 2: 10*
2. The Clay: The clay is shapeless and apparently useless until it is molded by the Potter's hand. We were without shape and form. It is only when we come to Christ that our life begins to take shape and form. The clay must submit to the hands of the Potter; yield to whatever He wants to do.  
***Discussion: How has Jesus shaped your life? Can you be stubborn at times or do you easily submit to the hand of God?***
3. The Spinning Wheel: The Potter controls the turning of the The Spinning Wheel with His foot. He controls the speed of the wheel and the pressure. It goes fast or slow, whatever The Potter wants. We are on The Spinning Wheel and we have no control. Sometimes we think things happen to us because of what we have done or we attribute suffering to the devil. But often times, it's the Master Potter, spinning the wheel.  
*"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.* *John 15: 1-2*  
***Discussion: As a branch on Christ's vine, how would you describe the fruit in your life? Specifically, how would you rate yourself on laying down your life for your friends?***
4. The Creative Hand: The Potter's hand must be skilled to apply pressure when needed and be knowledgeable about the pace and the length of the spin.
5. The Plan: The Potter has a beautiful plan for the clay. God has a plan to shape us and form us so when He is finished, He sees nothing but Jesus.  
*Colossians 1: 27*

6. The Kiln: The pottery must go into the Kiln and bake. God wants the blessing to be burnt in. Sometimes the pottery is cracked . We don't accept God's molding. We blame others and blame God. We must be crushed and go through the Kiln again.

*Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

*1 Peter 4: 12*

*But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.*

*Job 23: 10*

***Discussion: Have you had to go through the Kiln again? What molding/test are you going through now?***

7. The Finished Product: The Potter will put his name on the finished product. Just like the Potter, God bestows the name of Jesus on us. When He is finished with us, we will shine with the Glory of God.

*Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."*

*Isaiah 43: 7*

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as <sup>[a]</sup>by the Spirit of the Lord.*

*2 Corinthians 3: 18*

God is preparing us for Eternity. God makes something beautiful out of nothing.

**Discussion: How can you bring Glory to God this Christmas that is different than in the past?**

Let us Praise Him for all He is doing in our lives and thank Him for the grace He gives us to trust Him completely in the midst of our suffering.