Mount Vernon First Church of God February 2, 2020 – Jeremiah 18:1–12 JEREMIAH STUDY – <u>The Potter & The Clay</u>

Jeremiah hears the Word of the Lord because he practices To receive the message recorded in Jeremiah 18, God first sends Jeremiah to the ______ When the Word of the Lord came, Jeremiah was watching the potter _____ and ____ the clay. God's sovereignty is compared to the potter's _____ to do whatever he chooses with the clay. The potter decides to smash and remake the vessel because it was unsuitable for its planned ; likewise, God's people had forgotten their in God's kingdom plan. Hebrews 4:12 – For the _____ of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged ______, it penetrates even to dividing ______, joints and marrow; it judges the ______ and _____ of the _____. HEART CHECK... Which has first place in my heart - God's plans and purposes, or my own? Do I need to be re-made?

"...God, who said, 'Let brilliant light shine out of darkness' is the one who cascaded his light into us – the brilliant dawning light of the glorious knowledge of God as we gaze into the face of Jesus Christ. We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not ours."

—2 Corinthians 4:6-7

<u>Day 1</u> - Read: Colossians 1:15-22; 3:1-4

Ponder in Prayer: Attitude check – are you centered on the Potter's wheel? What is your attitude before the King of kings?

Day 2 - Read: Colossians 3:5-11; Hebrews 4:12

Ponder in Prayer: How do you respond to God's Word? Does your response demonstrate trust and eagerness to be used by Him?

Day 3 - Read: Colossians 3:12-17

Ponder in Prayer: Do you find it easy or difficult to love your brothers and sisters in Christ? What do your interactions with them say about your commitment to fulfill God's purpose for your life? What do they say about your faith in the Potter's ability to transform them as well as you?

<u>Day 4</u> – Read: Galatians 6:4-5, 9-10; Colossians 3:23 Ponder in Prayer: Meditate upon this thought: "Because He is important, everything you do in His name and by His power is important."

<u>Day 5</u> – Read: John 15:1–17; 2 Corinthians 4:6–7 Ponder in Prayer: As you live out His purpose of love today, remember and delight in the truth that He is your source.