



Thy Will Be Done

**Sunday Week 3
March 19, 2017**

Talk about one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

Have you ever shaped or molded something with your hands? What material was used? For what purpose were you shaping?

Find a YouTube video or two of a potter throwing a pot. What is the process like? What was unexpected? If you were the clay, what would you be thinking, feeling, wondering? Use some clay or Playdough to shape your favorite animal or mode of transportation. What did you learn about the shaping process from doing it? What is the relationship between the potter and the clay?

Discuss with someone who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

Think of a “formation” moment, a time when you were being shaped by God, whether you knew it or not. Use some clay or Playdough to mold something that reminds you of that experience. Share your story.

Look at your life through the lens of potter and clay. What clay thoughts, feelings, or questions are you experiencing? What about the pottery process gives you comfort or hope?

Robert Mulholland describes discipleship as “the process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others.” What in that definition challenges you? What encourages you? How does that definition help you see Jesus and His activity in your life?

“Has the potter no right over the clay?” Romans 9:21

To be honest, Lord, it's hard to let go of my own ambition and will. I've had some kind of plan for my life since before I can remember. And You ask me to set that aside, to place my plan below Yours. I am certainly the clay that desperately wants to tell the potter what to do. I don't know if I can change that attitude in my heart. But I know You can. Don't give up shaping me, Jesus, even when I don't want to be shaped. Amen.