

**“Talking Back to the Potter!”
(Romans 9:19-24)**

God’s Authority Expressed (19-21)

• **Man’s Stubborn Reasoning (19)**

Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

• **God’s Strong Rebuke (20-21)**

Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? ²¹Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

God’s Attributes Exalted (22-24)

• **His Power → Vessels of Wrath (22)**

What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

• **His Glory → Vessels of Mercy (23-24)**

And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Our study reminded us that God is the Potter who formed us. Share about a favorite craft project you made, as a child or more recently.

1. Share something from Sunday’s study that spoke to you personally – a challenge? an encouragement? a good reminder?
2. How does Paul answer the question raised in Rom.9:19? What are some times we might be tempted to question God? How should we handle times when we want to question God’s ways?
3. Below are 6 affirmations to personally embrace God’s complete and sovereign authority in your life. Which one is most challenging for you?
*You have the right to deal with me any way You choose
*You can answer my prayers any way You choose
*You do not have to treat me the same as You treat my neighbor
*You do not have to treat me today the way You treated me yesterday
*You will have no rivals on the throne of my heart
*You are not obligated to live up to my expectations or to explain Yourself
4. If you’ve received Christ as Savior, the phrase “Even us” in v 24 includes YOU! How does that make you feel? (Remember, even Baptists can shout Hallelujah! 😊)

Small Group Prayer

Share the name of someone needing salvation who is on your heart and include him/her with the group petitions brought to the Lord in prayer.

Digging Deeper

While there is no salvation apart from repentance and faith, how do the following verses express God’s part in our salvation?

Jn 6:44; 15:16; Acts 13:48; 1 Cor 15:10; Eph 1:3-5; Phil 2:13; 2 Thes 2:13; 2 Tim 1:9; Titus 1:1 and 1 Pet 1:2.