

BEING HUMAN: GROWTH GROUP STUDY 2

On Sunday morning we looked at the metaphor in Isaiah 64:8: ***"You are the potter, we are the clay; we are all the work of your hands."***

If you were there, what do you remember? What were some implications?

We recognised on Sunday that there is much wrong with us. None of us are perfect clay pots! As we approach some ethical issues in this series, we need to understand the impacts that the fall (Genesis 3) has had.

Read Genesis 3:1-6 How would you describe the fall using the terms "potter" and "clay"?

We're going to think about the consequences on humans. The Bible describes humans as being made up of two equally important parts: The Body (sometimes called the flesh) and the Heart (sometimes called the spirit or the soul)

Read Genesis 3:14-24

What consequences did the fall have on the human body?

What consequences did the fall have on the human heart?

How has the fall affected our bodies?

Read Romans 8:22-23 What has been the impact of the fall on our bodies?
What makes you groan?

How has the fall affected our hearts?

Jeremiah 17:9

Romans 3:9-18

1 Peter 2:11

How has the fall affected our world?

Romans 8:20-21

So, what impacts of the fall do we need to allow for when we discuss issues surrounding life and death, gender or sexuality?

What reality do we have for our bodies and hearts as Christians today?

Ezekiel 36:25-27

John 3:3 –

Romans 12:1-2

What hope do we have for our bodies and hearts as Christians in the future?

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

Revelation 22:1-5

Pray – for those in the group who are particularly suffering the impact of living in a fallen world. And for ourselves to trust Jesus: for "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."