

JEREMIAH 18:1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” 3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

5 Then the word of the Lord came to me. 6 He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. 7 If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, 8 and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. 9 And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, 10 and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

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I Was There to Hear your Borning Cry

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mid-Week Devotion

Read:

F-1.02 of the PC(USA) Book of Order

F-1.02 JESUS CHRIST IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH

F-1.0201 The Authority of Christ

Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given to him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. a God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work.

F-1.0202 Christ Calls and Equips the Church

Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills.

Reflect:

After establishing why the Book of Order exists - both. its practical and theological grounding, the second section of the Foundations establishes the

the head of the church to be Jesus Christ.

there is a lot of debate in church circles about who should be “in charge”. This often wrestles with which human person(s) should be making the decisions. Some choose bishops who oversee local churches from a remove. Others are more congregational where the pastor is given more authority with the support of a local board. Our church rests authority with the Session, a board of members seeking God.

This section reminds us no matter which model of leadership a church chooses, it only exists because of the calling together of God’s spirit and, in the end, Jesus Christ is the head of the church and that the church’s purpose is mission and outreach to the world and to help people become stronger in their walk with God..

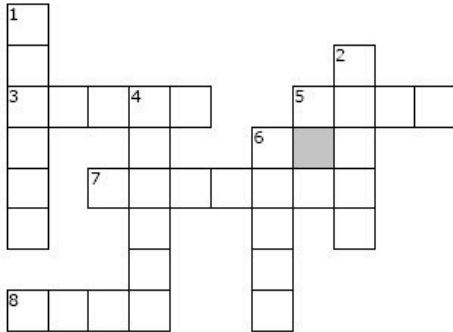
Respond:

- How does this section describe the purpose of the church?
- What would a church which lived into these principles look and sound like? What about an individual?
- Do you think anything is missing from this description of the church’s mission?

The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To utter words with the mouth; to talk
5. To be brought into life by birth
7. A person who speaks for God
8. Something said; a remark, or comment

DOWN

1. To save or set free
2. The body opening through which we take in food
4. To be filled with fear
6. A very young person

born	child	afraid	word
speak	prophet	mouth	rescue

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rescue	child
formed	nations
appointed	destroy
command	mouth

came	womb	send
hand	plant	speak
word	Lord	build
born	prophet	afraid

send
speak
build
afraid

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