

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WHO ARE YOU TO QUESTION GOD? BY RICKY PAGE

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## MEMORY VERSE

Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? Romans 9:21

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Sometimes when we pray we feel that we have more to tell God than He has to tell us.

Prayer can turn out to be a list of things to inform God about or sometime a laundry list of requests. We may also complain in prayer and sometimes point out things to God that we feel are unfair.

David having seen the prosperity of the wicked said he had cleansed his heart in vain while all this time he was “plagued, and chastened every morning”. (Psalm 73:12-14)

### *Getting Started*

If a family had a “customer service” department what are some of the things children would complain the most about their parents?

If there was a suggestion board in heaven on what God should do what are some of the things you would expect to see posted there?

### *Digging Deeper*

1. Review verse 15. What is the criteria by which God has mercy on someone?
  - a. How could that be seen as “unrighteousness with God”?
2. Verse 16 states that we cannot earn or deserve God’s mercy and compassion.
  - a. What are some of the things people have been known to do to earn God’s mercy?
  - b. Did you do anything to impress God for your salvation before you gave your life to Him?

3. Pharaoh was mean to the people of God during the exodus.
  - a. In what way was Pharaoh as “servant of God”?
  - b. Do you know any other mean people or circumstances that God has used as His servants?
  
4. God often uses hard times to speak to his people.
  - a. What are some of the difficult times, or people by which God has spoken to you?
  - b. Did you think they were God’s servant during the hard time?
  
5. Review verse 20 and read Jeremiah 18:1-6. We learn that the potter has absolute power over the clay to make anything he wants with it.
  - a. If in fact pottery would complain to a potter what should a potter do?
  - b. If we could complain to God for how He made us, what really should He do?
  - c. What does this teach us about complaining about how God made us and how he made people who are not like us?

### ***Bringing it Home***

6. What are your God-given gifts and skills that you are sure are not with many other people?
  
7. How will you use those gifts and skills on people you will interact with this week?
  
8. Do you know other people with complimentary gifts and skills with whom you could team up for more effective ministry?

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