

**Rockford Reformed Church**  
**1 Samuel 13:1-15 - "Gumby God, Gospel Pottery"**  
8/19/18 – Pastor Tim Meendering

**Questions for family/small group discussions:**

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2. Read Mark 1:9-28, Matt. 4:1-11, and Col. 1:13. What does it mean for you that Jesus suffered through the tests and overwhelmed the forces of the dark side? When you better understand what Jesus has done and why, what is your response to him?

**There are various ways that we view Jesus like a Gumby who is flexible. Some of the ways that we view him are:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus.**

What are some ways and times that you have come to God more because he was useful than beautiful?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus. "Have it \_\_\_\_\_!"**

Read Isaiah 64:8 and 29:16. What do these texts say about who should be shaping and fashioning whom?

Read Deut. 17:19-20. Why is the constant study of God's Word so vital? What happens when you don't know God and study his Word? What are some ways that you might tend to think that God is flexible relating to the life that you have settled into?

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus.**

What does 2 Peter 1:3 say about his provision for you?

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What area of your life should you surrender to him today?

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How does Jesus' sacrifice and service to you impact how you relate to him and others?

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