



## Key References:

### **2 Chronicles 7:13–14 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

### **Luke 12:15–21 (The Message)**

<sup>15</sup> Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.” <sup>16–19</sup> Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’

<sup>20</sup> “Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’ <sup>21</sup> “That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

### **Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.

### **Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

## **1 – PRAYER**

**What is the most challenging part in trusting God? How do we compare to the people in 2 Chronicles 7 trusting for the rain?**

Nowadays we can have a lot of safety nets. **What do Psalm 127:1-2 & Proverbs 19:21 have to say about how we build and plan? Have you ever had significant plans for your own life that God changed?**

Wes challenged us saying; “*we can be fully grown in our bodies, jobs, and reputation. But yet be babies in the kingdom of God.*” **How can we be immature when it comes to prayer?**

Read Luke 12:16-19. **How does prayer position us to fill ourselves with God instead of ourselves? How has prayer positioned you to trust God more?**

**How does prayer re-align us from living in reaction to life events to instead living in response to God. How are those two different?**

## **2 – DIGGING WELLS**

**How does praying compare to digging a well? What stood out most to you from Wes’ family’s well digging story?**

**If you were in a desert and someone told you exactly where to dig your well how long would you dig for? Why do we sometimes give up on prayer?**

**How does praying compare to digging a well? What have you found difficult about prayer in the past? Will someone dig a well if they’re not thirsty?**

If you’ve read the Psalms you know that David was brutally honest about how he felt. **Why is this raw honesty with God important in prayer? How can we bring some of that raw honesty into this group?**

**How does humility help us pray? How does humility allow us to be raw and honest together?**

**What do you feel called to step into out of this week’s preach? How did Jesus teach us to pray? Read Matthew 6:7-13**