



## Key References:

### Matthew 5:38–42 (NLT)

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. <sup>41</sup> If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.

### Luke 21:1–4 (NLT)

While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. <sup>2</sup> Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. <sup>3</sup> “I tell you the truth,” Jesus said, “this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. <sup>4</sup> For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.”

### Luke 7:36–48 (NLT) – Jesus anointed by a sinful woman

### John 10:17–18 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

## 1 – PERCIEVING LACK

What is the area of lack in your life that you think about most often? *It could be time, emotion, skillset, wealth...*

Wes began by saying: “We can lack as the biggest thing in our lives. It’s can become the lens that we perceive everything around us.” **Are you in a season of being overwhelmed by your lack? What happens to us when lack becomes our lens of perception?**

## 2 – THE OTHER CHEEK

Read Matthew 5:38-42. **Thinking of Jesus’ audience how is verse 41 particularly challenging? What do you think would be a modern-day equivalent of the cheek, the coat and the soldier’s gear? Why doesn’t Jesus tell his audience to stand up for their rights?**

## 3 – SUNDAY STORIES

Wes shared two stories from his family (parents wedding rings & his cheque / mission trip) and Steve shared about God saving their fish farm. **From these 3 stories; can you think of 3 important lessons that we need to reinforce? Do any of these 3 stories remind you of a testimony of your own?**

## 4 – SURRENDERING BEFORE JESUS

Read Luke 7:36-48. **How does knowing what Jesus has done for us lead us to live and give of ourselves sacrificially? Can you remember a time where Jesus brought you to surrender like the woman in this story?**

**How does knowing the weight of what Jesus has done for us take our focus away from what we lack? What opportunities arise out of a life that is focused in that direction?**

