# York Street Small Groups

**Sermon Based Studies**

Sunday 21st May 2023

FAITH RUNS DEEP  
Week 2: Second Chance

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**These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.**

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*Questions have been adapted from the Faith Runs Deep discussion guide. Copies are available from the church office.*

**INTRODUCTION**

The convict history of Australia seems to be mixed when it comes to Christian faith and its impact.

1. What positive stories do you know about the early settlement and faith?
2. What negative stories do you know?

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**DISCUSSION**

1. Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie were counter-cultural in their day. They believed that convicts who had finished their sentence were no longer of the ‘criminal class’ but people who could be forgiven, restored, and given a fair go. To understand why, we need to understand the Jesus they trusted in.

Read Luke 7:36-50

In this passage Jesus has an interaction with a Pharisee who thought that people could never be given a second chance.

* 1. Put yourself in the place of all the different characters (Simon, the guests, the woman, and Jesus) in the story. What do they think and feel? Why?
  2. What does this interaction reveal about Jesus?
  3. Which person do you most identify with? Why?

Read Colossians 3:1-17

Avoiding Christian jargon (e.g. use words like ‘concentrate on’, rather than ‘set your mind on’) develop two lists:

* 1. List the ***actions*** that should be the consequence of a life of following Jesus
  2. List the attitudes that should flow from a life of following Jesus
  3. What is notable in these lists? What surprises you?

**ACTION**

Consider a time you were given a second chance. What was it like? How did it impact you?

Are there people in your life who deserve a second chance, from you or others?

What could you do this week to show that to someone?