**“How to Have a Great Year, Pt-3: Strengthening Your Financial Core”**

**January 21/22, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Luke 16:10-11 (NRSV) & Malachi 3:8-11 (NRSV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out to them.

**Application Questions:**

1. In discussing how to “Strengthen our Financial Core” Tom said the 3 most important financial questions are: 1) What is your financial vision? 2) What are your financial values? 3) What is your financial plan?
   1. Which of these 3 questions is easiest for you to answer? Why?
   2. Which is most difficult? Why?

(\*\*\*If you struggle with these 3 financial questions, consider attending the **“Strengthening Your Financial Core 2.0”** seminar Thursday, Jan-26, 7:00 PM. Visit the CA website for more info.)

1. Tom said, *“One of the central principles behind Jesus’ teaching about money is that everything we have belongs to God; we are not the owners, but managers?”*
   1. How do you think seeing yourself as the “manager” of “God’s resources” might help you to live generously?
   2. If you don’t consider yourself generous, why do you think that is?
2. Tom encouraged us to *“Live Gratefully”* because in so doing we can say, *“I have all that I need, enough to enjoy, and some to help others too.”*
   1. What does having “enough” look like for you?
   2. How is God inviting you to be grateful for what you already have? Enjoy what you already have? Help others?

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Share one personal prayer request
* Pray that the people of CA would strengthen their “financial core” in 2023
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023