**“How to Have a Great Year, Pt1”**

**January 7/8, 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 **Job 14:5 (NLT) & Prov 22:13 (NLT).** 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 what the Bible has to say about starting the year off right, Tom encouraged, “*Assume responsibility for your life.”* (Tom mentioned finances, health, work life, family life, spiritual life as areas for assuming responsibility)
	1. As you consider Tom’s challenge, describe where you might be stuck in blaming someone else for a particular area in your life. What would it look like for you to assume responsibility in that area and make the necessary changes?
2. Tom said, “*If we can’t do a certain thing, the problem is not a lack of time; we simply value something else more.”*
	1. Share some things you know would be good for you to do, but have not done them because of a perceived lack of time? Where might you be able to recover time to do those things, or what would you have to give up to do those things?
3. To help us define what is important or valuable in 2023, Tom offered the following questions for us to consider: 1) *What will grow my walk with God?* 2) *What do I want to learn?* 3) *What will improve my health?* 4) *What will be my service to others?*
	1. Which of those 4 questions do you feel most able to answer and that you are doing? Which question would you most like to answer and do in 2023?
4. Tom shared, *“Expect God to help”* with our God-given goals.
	1. Do you have any sense of your “God-given” goals for 2023? If so, knowing that you can expect God’s help, what are some practical steps you can take to move forward?

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

* Share one personal prayer request
* Pray that God would bless CA’s efforts in 2023, for leading the convinced and spiritually unconvinced to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ.
* Pray that those who attend CA would assume responsibility for their lives, decide what is important, not wait to begin pursuing God-given goals and expect God’s help in 2023