**Real I.D., Pt-6: “Never Alone”**

**Mar-3/4, 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 **Gen 16:7-16 (NRSV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passage, and then ask the group to share what stands out to them.

**Application Questions:**

1. Tom said, *“Even when circumstances are at their worst, and you feel all alone, God knows your name and sees your needs.”*
	1. Do you have an example of feeling alone during overwhelming circumstances? How did God show you that He saw you and was with you?
2. Tom stated, *“Hagar’s encounter with God didn’t just change her understanding of God, it changed her understanding of herself – her identity.”*
	1. In reflecting on that statement, how has God showing up for you in your darkest times changed your understanding of Him? How did those encounter(s) with God change your understanding of yourself, or your identity?
3. Tom shared*, “Even in your lowest moments, God will give you guidance and give you a promise*.”
	1. Describe some of the ways God has guided you during some of your lowest moments? What kind of promises did He give you that helped sustain you in those seasons?
4. Tom encouraged*, “Remembering God’s promises from the last hard time will help you get through this hard time*.”
	1. How have some of your previous hard times when God sustained you, helped sustain you in today’s hard times? Share some of the practical ways God was able to encourage and give you hope (i.e., Scripture, community of believers, etc.).

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

* Share one personal prayer request
* Pray that the people of CA would be a people who know that God is with them in all things
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023