**Running With The Giants: Benaiah**

**May-6/7, 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 **2 Samuel 23:20-23 (NIV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passage, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. Tom shared, *“The Bible telling us that Benaiah facing the lion in snowy, slippery conditions is telling us that the call for courage doesn’t always wait for ideal conditions. Sometimes – most of the time – when courage is called for, it’s when conditions are less than ideal.”*
	1. Share a time of facing less-than-ideal conditions in your call to be courageous? How did those circumstances challenge your faith? How were you able to remain encouraged in your faith?
2. Tom exhorted, *“Stop running away from what scares you and ask God to give you the courage to start chasing the God-ordained opportunities that cross your path.”*
	1. In listening to Tom’s sermon about Benaiah’s courage, did you identify things from which you are running as possible God-ordained opportunities? What fear(s) keeps you from chasing that opportunity?
3. Tom said, *“Many psychiatrists will tell you that there are only 2 fears humans are born with – fear of loud noises & fear of falling. Therefore, every other fear is learned which means they can be unlearned.”*
	1. As you consider some of your fears, can you identify how they were learned? Are there any practical steps you can take that might help you “unlearn” those fears?
4. Tom asked the question, *“What would you do if you knew you would fail, but you couldn’t live with yourself if you didn’t at least try?”*
	1. How would you answer that question? What is one practical thing you could ask God to help you with in order for you to take a step of faith to try?

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

* Pray for the personal prayer request(s) of those in your group
* Pray that those at CA would answer the call to courage
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023