**Running With the Giants: Mary Magdalene**

**June 24/25, 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 **Hebrews 12:1-2 & Luke 8:1-3.** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. In looking at how Mary Magdalene’s story might help our faith, Tom said, *“No matter your past, God has a place for you in His mission.”* 
   1. Share if the enemy has ever used things from your past to make you feel disqualified from being used by God. How does it help you to know that no matter your past, God has a place for you in His mission?
2. Tom stated, “*Faithful giving is part of the muscle of mission*.”
   1. Why do you think “faithful giving” is connected to “the muscle of mission”? Is God inviting you to grow in your generosity?
3. In addition to “giving”, Tom shared 4 other characteristics that are part of taking your place in God’s mission: *1) Believing, 2) Sharing, 3) Rejoicing, 4) Courage.*
   1. Which of these 4 characteristics do you feel strongest in practicing?
   2. What are a few practical ways you might grow in the area in which you feel weakest?

**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 be a church on mission to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Christ
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023