**With All Your Mind, Pt 5**

**Oct 7/8, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Romans 8:18-23.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. In week 5 of the “With All Your Mind” sermon series, Tom said, *“Evil exists because God gives people free will…. We blame Adam & Eve for messing the whole thing up for the rest of us, but the reality is that all of us make the same choice.”*
   1. Share a time in your life when you decided to not listen to or trust God? What was the result?
2. Tom shared, *“Love requires free will, but the problem is that it creates the possibility of people doing evil, however, having free will gives us the possibility to love.”*
   1. Do you agree that *free will* gives us the possibility to love God and others? How do you think not having *free will* would impact your ability to love?
3. Tom said, according to **2 Cor 5:10**, *“Justice is only delayed, not denied.”*
   1. Is it helpful for you to know that justice for evil in this world is only being “delayed”, not “denied”? If “yes”, how so? If “no”, share why not.
4. Tom encouraged from **Rev 21:1-5**, *“…there is a new creation, a new earth and new world coming.”*
   1. Does the promise of living in a new creation and earth where there will be no death, sorrow, crying, or pain help strengthen your faith for living in a world mixed with both good and evil? Why or why not?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray for them.
* Pray that God would use this sermon series to help CA grow as a church that can share evidential support for Biblical faith.
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow CA’s 2023 “in person” attendance.