**“MiracleGro; God’s Plan to Grow Something Greater in You” – Part 4**

**Jan 27/28, 2024**

**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 **2 Cor 9:6-15.** 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. Tom began week 4 of the “MiracleGro” series by stating, *“Giving back to God is the best investment you can make. Period.”*
	1. What would you say your giving reflects about your belief (don’t believe, somewhat believe, fully believe) in Tom’s statement?
2. Tom said, *“According to 2 Cor 9:7, with God, giving can become hilariously fun.”*
	1. Why do you think that God’ loves “cheerful givers”?
	2. If you are unable to give “cheerfully”, why do you think that is (giving feels like a “have to” and not a “get to”, fear of not having enough or that God won’t keep His promises to provide) and how might you grow as a cheerful giver?
3. Tom said, *“When we give generously, God promises to enlarge the harvest of your righteousness, and righteousness speaks to our character.” He added, “Giving is part of God’s toolbox to combat greed, fear, and selfishness in our hearts.”*
	1. How has giving helped you to combat greed, fear and selfishness and/or transformed your character?
4. Tom shared, “*Giving is a response to God’s gift to you. We give because God has first given to us.”*
	1. What are some of the primary ways which you have been a partaker of God’s generosity? What are some of the ways which God’s generosity towards you impacts your generosity towards others?

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

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray.
* Pray that God by His Holy Spirit would help the people of CA to grow in generosity.
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow CA’s 2024 “in person” attendance.