**“MiracleGro; God’s Plan to Grow Something Greater in You” – Part 1**

**Jan 6/7, 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 **Mark 4:26-29 & Mark 4:30-32.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, 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 1 of the “MiracleGro” series Tom shared, *“****Movement****: God will grow you as you use your God-given spiritual muscles. Spiritually, faith is like a muscle: it grows when we use it.”*
   1. Are there any spiritual muscles you feel that God has given you to use for His glory in 2024? What, if anything, stops you from using those muscles?
2. Tom stated, *“****Respiration****: If you want to grow, you have to learn to receive & rely upon God’s Holy Spirit – to help you turn from sin towards God’s good plan for your life.”*
   1. Share a time from your life when the Holy Spirit helped you to turn away from something, to enable you to turn towards God’s good plan for your life.
3. Tom said, *“****Sensitivity****: God will grow you as you respond to what God is doing in you & around you. The reality is that God can be doing something, and you and I can miss it because of a hard heart.”*
   1. Share a time when God was doing something in your life, but you were unable to see it because of the hardness of your heart? What made your hard heart? Has God softened your heart in that area? How was He able to do that?
4. Tom shared 3 things needed for growth according to God’s design: “*movement, respiration, sensitivity”.* 
   1. Which of these 3 do you see as an area where you most need God’s help? What is one practical step you could take in order to partner with God in that area?

**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 spiritually.
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow CA’s 2024 “in person” attendance.