**“Save the Date” – Part 1**

**Feb-10/11, 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 **Prov 13:20 & Prov 19:20.** 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 the first week of the “Save the Date” series, Tom said, we need to be *“secure in Christ.”* He answered “how?” by sharing, *“You come to Christ, experience and dwell in His love for you, think about what He has done for you, how valuable you are to Him, how He has numbered every hair on your head.”*
	1. Of the ways Tom shared for growing in our security in Christ – experiencing and dwelling in His love for you, what He’s done for you, how valuable you are to Him – where would you most like to grow?
2. Tom answered, “What does strong character look like?” by citing **1 Tim 4:12**, *“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”*
	1. Of the 5 characteristics listed – speech, conduct, love, faith, purity – where have you most experienced God’s transforming grace? Where would you like to grow and be a better example?
3. **Proverbs 13:20** says, *“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.”* Tom said, *“Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future.”*
	1. Have there been times in life when you allowed “fools” to speak into your life? What were some of the results? Are there any relationships you are in currently that you might need to reconsider?
	2. Share an example(s) of how being the companion of the “wise” impacts your life? If you need “wise” friends, what are some practical ways to grow in this 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 in “being secure in Christ”, grow in “character” and grow in “godly and wise community”.
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow CA’s 2024 “in person” attendance.