**“Save the Date” – Part 2**

**Feb-17/18, 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 **John 8:44b & John 8:31-32.** 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. Tom shared that certain lies can kill a marriage. One such lie is, *“I can change my spouse.”* He then shared what’s true, *“Only God can change the human heart.”*
   1. Have you ever believed the lie that you had the power to change someone? If so, how did that work out?
   2. When you have encountered someone with a changed heart, do you know how that change transpired?
2. According to Tom, another lie that can kill a marriage is, *“This one little thing isn’t a big thing.”* He added, *“Unaddressed and unconfessed little sins become complicated big sins because sin grows best in the dark.”*
   1. Whether married or single, describe a time when a “little thing” in your life turned into something bigger because it stayed unaddressed? Share some of the things you have in place to guard against little sins staying in the dark.
3. Tom said some people believe a lie which says, *“There is no hope for my marriage.”* He said it’s a lie because, *“With God, there is always hope.”*
   1. Have you ever felt like you were in a hopeless situation, but God was able to give you hope? If so, how were you able to draw on God’s grace for hope?

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