**“Save the Date” – Part 3**

**Feb-24/25, 2024**

**Speaker: Tom & Allison 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 **Rom 15:5-7 & Matt 9:20-22.** 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. Allison shared, *“The first way to show emotional generosity in marriage or relationships is acceptance. Because Christ has accepted us, we can accept one another.”*
   1. Share a time when you felt accepted by someone and some of the things they did that made you feel that way.
   2. How difficult or easy is it for you to practice with others the things that make you feel accepted when they are different from you (socially, ethnically, beliefs and opinions, etc.)? How might you grow in this?
2. Tom said, *“Another way we can show emotional generosity is appreciation.”*
   1. Share a recent example of an expression of appreciation by you for someone else, or by someone else for you. How did you or they feel or respond?
   2. Is there anyone in your life who comes to mind as someone you’d like to express appreciation to but have not?
3. In discussing “attention” as another way to be emotionally generous, Allison shared the following quote by Author Jim George: *“Listening is an act of love. When you listen to people, you are communicating nonverbally that they are important to you.”*
   1. Do you agree or disagree that listening is an act of love? Why or why not?
   2. On a scale of 1 – 10 (10 being excellent), how would you rate yourself as a listener? What are some practical ways you might grow in that area?
   3. What are some of the characteristics of the “good listeners” in your life?
4. **Zephaniah 3:17**, says, “The Lord your God…rejoices over you with singing.”
   1. Is that reality something that is easy or difficulty for you to believe? Why or why not? How might you grow as someone who knows God rejoices over you?

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