**“MiracleGro; God’s Plan to Grow Something Greater in You” – Part 5**

**Feb-3/4, 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 **Col 2:6-8 & James 3:14-18.** 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 final week of the “MiracleGro” series Tom shared 4 ways God commands us ***NOT*** to grow. (#1) *“Don’t grow disconnected from your Head.”*
   1. Share some of the ways that you stay connected to Jesus, the head of the body of Christ. What are some of the challenges you face in staying connected to Him? How might you be able to grow your connection with Jesus?
2. **Romans 12:8**, says, *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, make every effort to live at peace with everyone.”* (#2), *“Don’t let a bitter root grow up in you.”*
   1. Are there any “bitter roots” in you towards someone, or others, that you need to remove? What are some practical steps you might take towards this?
3. Tom said, (#3), *“Don’t let your love grow cold, but It’s hard to love others if you aren’t regularly receiving the love that God has for you.”*
   1. Do you find it easy or difficult to love others? Why do you think that is?
   2. Share some of the ways which you regularly receive the love God has for you? How might you grow in receiving God’s love?

1. Tom shared, (#4), “*To not grow weary or lose heart, I have to master* ***4 ‘M’s****:* ***M****ornings-with the Lord;* ***M****ondays (1 sabbath day)-to pray & play;* ***M****onths-once a month time to retreat;* ***M****oods-master your moods or moods will master you.”*
   1. Are there places in your life where you feel worn down or like you are losing heart? Do you think there may be any connection to how you are doing with the 4 “M’s”? If so, which one and how might you grow 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.