**“Better Than Rubies – Pt 5”**

**June – 29/30, 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 the following passages: **Proverbs 16:18, Luke 14:7-11, Philippians 2:3-4,** and **Matthew 23:11.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, ask them to share what most stands out to them and what these passages can teach us about humility.

**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. What do you think it looks like for someone to live with humility? And what do you think makes living with humility difficult or challenging?
2. Tom shared that Biblical humility is not insecurity, indecisiveness, and inactivity, but instead it is 1) utter dependence on God’s mercy; 2) unconcern for power, prestige, and position; and 3) a deep acceptance of God’s word.
   1. How are you doing with those three things? Which of those areas do you most need to grow in, and how might you take a step toward growth in that area?
3. Tom shared that “humble people choose to find ways and times to serve others.” Who has served you recently that you might need to just say “thank you” to? And who in your life might God be inviting you to serve and how? What makes it difficult to serve others?
4. Tom shared this story about Mother Theresa: Mother Theresa was invited by a group to come speak in Detroit. As Mother Theresa was passing through a crowd, a woman in the crowd turned to a friend and remarked: “Her secret is that she is free to be nothing. Therefore, God can use her for anything.”
   1. How are you doing with being “free to be nothing” so that God can use you for anything? Where in your own life might God be inviting you to be free to be nothing?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Break into prayer partners. Share with one another how you’re doing personally with humility and one way God might be inviting you to grow in humility. Pray for one another and pray that God would grow us in humility.