**“The God Who Goes Ahead of You – Thanksgiving”**

**November 23/24, 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*.

**Icebreaker:** What is one thing you are most thankful for in 2024?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Read Deutoronomy 31:7.** 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 taught us that we serve a God who “goes before us.” Because of this we can be courageous.
   1. How does knowing God goes before you give you courage for today?
   2. What in your life do you need courage for?
   3. The people of Israel had to take steps of courage and get into the river even though they couldn’t see God at work just yet. What steps of courage do you feel God is inviting you to take?
2. We learned that because God goes before us we can trust his guidance.
   1. Think of a time in your life where you had to trust God for guidance. How di that turn out?
   2. Are you able to trust God’s guidance today? If not, what is stopping you?
3. Tom pointed out that even though it was unseen God was already at work upstream stopping the flow of the river.
   1. How does this story or passage encourage you today?
   2. Where do you still need faith today?
4. Lastly, Tom pointed out that because Jesus goes before us, we have a future full of hope and joy.
   1. Do you find this statement to be true for you?
   2. How does knowing this change how you live today?

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

* Receive prayer requests. Pray for group members. Share prayers of gratitude.