**“Dangerous Prayers – Pt 8”**

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**Speaker: Thomas Hughes**

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**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*.

**Ice Breaker:** If you could meet any living person for dinner – who would it be and why?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Read 1 Samuel 9:3-17** 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. This week’s “Dangerous Prayer” was related to being guided by God.
   1. What does it mean for you to be guided by God?
   2. Is this a difficult concept for you?
   3. Would you say you are pretty at allowing God to guide your life?
2. Thomas’ first point was that **God can use the mundane as much as the miraculous to guide us.**
   1. How have you seen God mundane momnets in your life to guide you?
   2. How good are you at recognizing these as “God-moments?”
      1. How might you grow in your recognition of these?
3. Secondly, we learned that **God often guides us through the input of wise, godly people**
   1. Who are these people in your life?
   2. If you don’t have any that you might consider to be wise and godly – how might you develop these relationships?
   3. Can you share a time when God used wise counsel to help guide you?
4. Thirdly, **If you want to be guided to God’s will, you must be guided by God’s word.**
   1. How true is this for you? How are you about implementing guideance you receive from His word?
   2. How can you prioritize the wisdom found in God’s word as a true source of guidance?
5. Lastly Thomas taught that **Guidance must include trusting submission; you might not get the answer you want or expect.** 
   1. Can you share a time when this was true for you as well?
   2. How can you prepare your heart for obedience even if it is difficult?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins] Pray the Lord’s prayer as a group.