**“God of Mondays: Learning to Love Mondays” (Part 2 of 5)**

**March 15/16, 2025**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] Begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*. (Suggested icebreaker: When was the last time you received great customer service?)

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]

**Matthew 5:13 – 16 (NLT) – 13“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14You are the light of the world-like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”**

Allow the group time to reflect on the passages. Ask the group to share what most stands out to them and why.

**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 motivates you to do your work with excellence?
2. Tom told the story of his mom creating an environment for her vegetables to grow and God blessed her garden. God did what only He could do (i.e., allowed the seeds to grow and bear fruits). This did not happen overnight. Tom’s mom did the hard work given that the results were not dependent on her. How does this story encourage you to do your work diligently and with integrity, even though you cannot predict the results and your manager does not see?
3. How do you think your work environment will improve if you make people your priority (i.e., care for and care about people)?
4. Tom told another story about a rental car representative who used his authority to upgrade their rental car from a compact to an SUV with traction control. Perhaps the decision of the representative saved Tom and his family’s lives. Do you believe that you have the God-given authority or mandate to make a difference in the lives of people you work with or your customers/vendors, etc.? How are you using this authority to make a difference in people’s lives?
5. Matthew 5:13 teaches that Christ followers are the “salt of the earth.” What actions are you willing to take to make people your priority versus the “bottom line?”

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins] Pray for group members that are facing challenges at work. Is/Are there any co-worker(s) that you know that need(s) prayers?