**The Grudge, Pt 1**

**August 12/13, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Eph 4:2 & Prov 19:11.** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. In discussing forgiving offenses, Tom said, *“If you are on a continuous search to be offended, you will always find what you are looking for.”*
   1. In what situations, circumstances, or with whom do you most easily become offended? Share an offense(s) that you are still holding onto to that has become a grudge?
2. Tom stated, *“We are horrible interpreters (of other’s actions) because we often attribute our own behavior to our circumstances while we attribute someone else’s behavior to their character.”*
   1. Share a time when someone became offended because they misinterpreted something you said or did? Have you ever misinterpreted someone else’s motives or intentions? What are some ways that you might start to become more “unoffendable”?
3. Tom shared **Matt 9:36-38**, then said, “*The workers are few because we are holding a grudge against people who are harassed and helpless.”*
   1. Who are some of the non-Christians in your life whom you have written off because of their offensive ways? How might your response to them change if you lived as if God put them in your life because he wants you to respond to them out of spiritual maturity with love and compassion?

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Pray for the personal prayer request(s) of those in your group
* Pray that CA would be a church that is not easily offended
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our 2023 “in person” attendance