**The Grudge, Pt 2**

**August 19/20, 2023**

**Speaker: Marvin Enriquez**

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 **Luke 17:1-5.** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passage, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. In discussing forgiving painful offenses, Marvin shared **Matt 5:33-34**, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’”*
   1. Have you experienced circumstances in which someone felt like a very real enemy and/or was persecuting you? If you were eventually able to love and pray for them, briefly describe that journey including whether or not forgiveness included reconciliation or required healthy boundaries.
2. Marvin stated, *“Forgiveness is giving others what God gave you.”* He then added, *“Jesus taught his followers to pray, ‘…forgive us out debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”*
   1. Do you feel as if God has forgiven you for much or little? Why do you think it is challenging for most people to extend that same forgiveness to others?
3. Marvin said, “*Forgiveness is a chance to avoid past pains becoming future prisons.”*
   1. Are you currently holding unforgiveness towards anyone in your life? Do you think that unforgiveness might become a future prison for you? Why or why not? Is there one step you might take that could move you towards forgiving them?

**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