**The Grudge, Pt 4**

**September 2/3, 2023**

**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.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Jeremiah 17:9-10 & John 21:15-17.** 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. In week 4 of “The Grudge” sermon series, Tom discussed the challenge of “*forgiving ourselves after God has forgiven us*”.
   1. After confessing your sin and receiving God’s forgiveness, how challenging do you find it to forgive yourself?
2. Tom said, *“Worldly sorrow is not being genuinely remorseful, just sorry that you got caught, whereas Godly sorrow leads to a genuine change in your actions which take you off a wrong path and put you onto a right one.”*
   1. Describe a time in your life when Godly sorrow helped take you off a wrong path and put you onto a right one? What are some of the things which you think enabled your Godly sorrow and repentance?
3. Tom stated, “*The devil wants to use your guilt & shame to drive you away from God, but God wants to use your guilt & shame to draw you to His grace*.”
   1. Do you have any residual guilt & shame from past sins? If you do, do you believe that God wants you to live in that guilt & shame? If you do not, share with the group what enables you to live in the freedom of God’s grace.

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

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray for them.
* Pray that God would move on the hearts of 300 people to attend the 11:15 North service so that we might free up 300 seats for those who need to hear the Gospel.
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow CA’s 2023 “in person” attendance.