**“Save the Date” – Part 4**

**Mar-2/3, 2024**

**Speaker: Marvin Enriquez**

**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 **Col 3:12-15.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, 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. Marvin started his sermon by saying, *“Conflict, when managed properly, can lead to greater intimacy in a relationship.”*
   1. Share an example of properly managed conflict in one of your relationships leading to greater intimacy.
2. Marvin stated, *“In marriage, or any relationship, scripture teaches that we need to make allowances for each other’s faults”.* 
   1. What do you think it means to “make allowances for each other’s faults”?
   2. How difficult or easy is it for you to practice this in your relationships?
3. Marvin said, *“We all learned how to manage or avoid conflict based on our upbringing and past experiences.”*
   1. Share how you learned to manage conflict or differences of opinion from your upbringing? How *effective* has the way you manage conflict been in your relationships (family, friends, work, school, etc.)?
4. Marvin shared, *“Those who manage conflict well are those who reach or extend grace.”* He added, *“We can only do this when we remind ourselves of the grace which we have been freely given by God.”*
   1. Share an example of someone extending you grace during/after conflict? How did you respond to their grace?
   2. How challenging do you find it to extend grace to others who have offended you? How might you grow in being more of a “grace giver”.

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

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray.
* Pray that God by His Spirit would help the people of CA to “…keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”. (Eph 4:3)
* Pray that many would make 1st time commitments to Jesus at CA’s upcoming Easter services.