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FENCES AND BRIDGES  
Discussion Guide

### BIG IDEA

What we choose to do with an offense is a destiny decision. Pastor Daniel illustrated for us how holding on to an offense traps us in a cage that affects all our relationships, including our relationship with God. However, if we decide to extend the same grace and forgiveness to others as God has shown us, we are able to build bridges of healing and restoration.

### SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- 1 Samuel 18:6-9
- Matthew 18:6
- James 1:19
- Matthew 5:23-24
- Proverbs 19:11 (ESV)
- Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 (ESV)
- Luke 17: 3-4 (ESV)
- Matthew 18:21-22
- Romans 12:18

### TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What destiny shaping moments have you experienced? How did your response affect the course of your life?
- What is your typical response when you are offended?
- What are some of the consequences that come from carrying offenses in our lives? How do we tear those down instead of allowing them to control us?
- What are the triggers that may cause you to offend someone?

### APPLICATION IDEAS

- Determine in your heart to be someone who is not easily offended.
- Commit to beginning the process of tearing down the fence you've created by taking offense and determining to build a bridge instead.

### PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray for God to reveal offenses you are carrying. Ask Him for the courage to have conversations or take other safe steps to tear down barriers.

### LEADER TIPS

- Be transparent with your group. It is important for you to reveal your own imperfections and challenges if you expect your group members to do the same.