

Love People (Offence) Small Group Questions

Luke 17:1 Jesus said to his disciples "It is impossible that no offences should come... (NKJV)

Everyone has experienced being both the offender and the offended.

1. (a) If you haven't taken the "Am I Offended" Quiz, take a few minutes as a group to do that together. Make sure everyone has done it.

AM I OFFENDED? QUIZ

- 1. Do you find it hard to be around people who have mistreated you?
- 2. Is it hard for you to compliment other people?
- 3. Do you have a hard time letting your guard down?
- 4. Do certain people or situations trigger pain from your past?
- 5. Is it hard for you to believe the best in people?
- 6. Do you have a hard time believing God has forgiven you?
- 7. Do you find it hard to experience God's love and enjoy His presence?
- 8. Do you have a hard time forgiving yourself and moving beyond past mistakes?
- 9. Do you find it hard to forgive someone unless they have apologized and changed?
- 10. Do you find yourself hurt or disappointed by leaders in your life, including spiritual leaders?
- (b) Now that you have taken the quiz, what did you learn about yourself?
- (c) Have you been offended and dealt with it? Are you currently offended?
- 2. How does holding onto an offence run contrary to the prayer of Jesus. What does it do to the Body of Christ?

Refer to John 17:20 and other passages that may come to mind.

3. How are Believers to deal with offence?

Refer to

Matthew 7:5

Ephesians 4:32

Galatians 5:22

Proverbs 19:11

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- 4. Describe a church where Believer's deal intentionally with offence and what that church would look like and sound like to those looking in?
- 5. If you are offended, what step of obedience are you willing to take this week?