Series: I Don't Do Alone Living Unoffendable (Pt. 2) October 16, 2022

Life Group Study For week of October 16, 2022

Hebrews 10:22-25 | Luke 11:4; 17:1 | Psalm 55:12-14; 103:3 | Matthew 14:35 John 8:44 | Mark 3:8-10 | Isaiah 6:7-9 | James 1:17-18 | Ephesians 1:8-13

If I am to resolve to not do alone: I must be unoffendable.

Living Unoffendable:

Healing the wound.

Be quick to forgive.

Become well practiced in uprooting bitterness.

Live into your true identity.

You are God's:

- Beloved.
- Workmanship.
- Greatest Investment.

You are created for a life of love, purpose, and destiny.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & *His church by joining one today!* https://rlc.pub/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

These last two weeks we've been talking on Sundays and in our Life Groups about becoming unoffendable. What challenges you the most about this resolution? When are you the most likely to be offended?

Connect to God's story

Read Matthew 5:43-48 & 1 Peter 3:8-12.

How should we treat people who are our enemies or do evil to us? What are the reasons given to why God wants us to live so radically toward them?

Underline or highlight what these passages say about evil. If we act in retaliation how does this effect our prayers? Why might responding to evil done to you God's way seem counter-intuitive?

What are some things about this passage that is so radically different than how we naturally look at offenses? What do you do when God leads you to do something through His Word that you don't want to do?

We do not naturally do the right thing; especially when we're upset or attacked. How important is it that we are spending time in the Scripture and pondering what we read in prayer? How can this help you make decisions that please God even in the spur of the moment?

Read together these steps to help you forgive offense. Look up the accompanying Scripture and talk about what you find.

- 1. ALWAYS give this concern to the Lord. (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- 2. **SOMETIMES** overlook the offense. (Proverbs 19:11)
- 3. SOMETIMES point out the offense. (Matthew 18:15)
- 4. ALWAYS refuse to take revenge. (Romans 12:19; Luke 17:4)

Discerning how you should respond and relate with people will take effort to lean into the wisdom of the Lord through prayer. It can be difficult but the Holy Spirit's counsel and leading is faithful and trustworthy!

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)