

No Offense Part 3

You're Not as Right as You Think

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:9-14 NIV

... Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. John 13:1 NIV

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:33-35 NIV

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's something you enjoy being right about?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Do you have a difficult time being wrong? Why do you think that is?

- Read **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**. Where are you acting without love? Where are you acting with love?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when you were met with love instead of judgment. What did that teach you about Jesus? How did that impact your relationships with others?
- When you live like you're forgiven by God, you'll feel more gratitude, become more accepting, and overflow with love. How can you share that abundant love with others this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, it can be really easy to think we know everything, but we're not as right as we think we are. Please remind us that You didn't call us to be right, but You called us to love. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- **Decide to respond from a forgiven posture now, so that when disagreements, debates, or controversies come up this week, you've already committed to respond from a place of love.**
- Start the *No Offense* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/nooffense
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.