



## Part 5: Get Offended

### Why We Get Offended:

- We make everything personal.
- We like drama.
- We need someone to blame.
- We believe our assumptions.

### Ecclesiastes 7

<sup>20</sup> Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins. <sup>21</sup> Do not pay attention to every word people say, or you may hear your servant cursing you—<sup>22</sup> for you know in your heart that many times you yourself have cursed others.

### Colossians 3

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

### GOOD ADVICE

Don't be an offense-maker, be a peacemaker.

### Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

## Discussion Guide

### Introduction

There's a lot of advice floating around. The most common advice also tends to be the most followed. But what if the most common advice is actually bad advice? That's why it is so important for us to follow God's Word as our guide for life.

### Discussion

Why do you think people are so easily offended?

Are you easily offended? Why or Why not?

Look at the list of Why We Get Offended. Do any of those apply to you?

### Read Ecclesiastes 7:20-22

No one is perfect. How does knowing that help us when we're offended?

What else in this passage can help us avoid being easily offended?

### Read Colossians 3:12-15

Vs. 12: How does applying vs. 12 keep us from being easily offended?

Vs. 13: Why do we struggle to forgive those who have offended us?

Vs. 14: How does love keep us from being easily offended?

Vs. 15: How can we get better at being peacemakers?

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