



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

**Main Idea:** Forgiving offenses is the reasonable response to the love of Jesus.

**Head Change:** Love does not remember offenses.

**Heart Change:** Remember what you have been forgiven of before holding an offense.

**Life Change:** You can't create reconciliation but you can forgive without their permission.

## OVERVIEW

*As much as we want to be people who live un-offended the reality of life and humanity is we will all get offended. Offense comes in a variety of packages but hurts the most when it comes from someone we love and someone who loves us. Jesus says a divided house cannot stand. Offense is a tactic of the enemy but his real mission is to divide the relationships you hold so near to your heart. The call for us is to not excuse the offense but forgive it. To put it in its proper place by remembering what we've been forgiven of. Forgiveness for every offense that comes against us is not radical but it is reasonable after experiencing the loving forgiveness of Jesus.*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. Out of the 5 places offense can come from which one stood out to you the most? Where have you seen offense come from?
3. Is it hard for you to believe the type of forgiveness Jesus wants from us is reasonable and not radical? Why or why not?
4. Can you share a time where someone has forgiven you? How does this type of love make you feel? How does our forgiveness of offenses bring the love of Jesus to the world around us?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank You for your forgiveness through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus. I pray that the reality of the weight of what you have forgiven us for becomes more real to us everyday. With this remembrance I pray that we are quick to forgive our brothers and sisters for the offenses that come daily, so that we stay united and become more like Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**