

Transforming the City One Life at a Time.

SKÁNDALON

Sermon Series

Skándalon Series: Offense with People

Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference

CONNECT

- Name a funny thing that you and a family member or sibling argued about?

WORD

Matthew 18:15-17, Hebrews 12:14-15

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”

THOUGHT

People will disappoint, let you down, and even make you angry at times. Buthow do we avoid being offended by people who do these things? Be quick to repent, be quick to forgive and be quick to obey God's word! (Matthew 6:14-15) Avoid the Trap!

DISCUSSION

1. What is the relationship between prayer and forgiveness?

2. In Matthew 18:15-17, a reconciliation process is listed. What are the four stages? Why is this process important?

3. In order to be reconciled back to someone, have you undergone this process? Do you think it is practical?

4. What happens when we get offended with people and do not forgive? (Hebrews 12:14-15)

5. Why do you think God cares so much about the offense we have with other people? Do you think this has any reflection on our relationship with Him?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, focus on the times you felt offended with people in your life. Take the next steps in repairing the relationships you have with them based on Matthew 18:15-17

PRAYER

- Pray for yourself, repenting over the times you have offended people and the times when you have been offended. Ask God to move into your heart and allow you to see Him and His perfect love
- Pray with a friend, the same prayer. Pray for them to forgive and be forgiven, and to allow God to cover their heart with perfect love.