

Transforming the City One Life at a Time.

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Sermon Series

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

CONNECT

- When you were younger did you ever get left out of any games or activities? why?

WORD

Luke 17:1

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come."

THOUGHT

If you are truly representing Jesus, you WILL offend others. As an ambassador for Christ, (2 Cor 5:20) comprising is not an option (Matt 10:34). Even Jesus being the prince of peace, and ministering from a heart of grace, mercy and love was considered a stumbling block (1 Peter 2:8). People may get offended at the word. But let us not allow them to get offended with us.

DISCUSSION

1. Can you think of an example to Jesus' meaning in Luke 17:1?

2. Where in your experience is one person's freedom, another person stumbling block? Alcohol? Certain styles of clothes? Dance? Music? Lifestyle? Political issues?

3. Have you done anything lately toward the conscience of a fellow believer that helped them or caused a stumbling block?

4. Has anyone done anything toward your conscience as a believer? Good or bad. Please explain.

5. Why is it important to let go of offenses?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, instead of thinking of ways to get even, think of ways to be a blessing to those who have hurt you. Jesus tells us when someone has slapped you on the cheek, to turn and let him or her slap the other cheek (Matt. 5:39). Choose this week to let go of offense and take on kindness.

PRAYER

- Pray asking God to give you the ability to let go of offense, to turn the other cheek and love rather than hate. Pray asking Him to give you the courage to press on towards love.
- Pray with a friend, the same prayer. Pray for them to forgive those who have offended them, so that they may be free to love.