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Your *group* matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Pumpkin Spice or not? Defend your position! 😊

1. In this week's reading in **Unoffendable** (Chapters 9-12) the author highlights that God wants to bring redemption to our anger, our situation, and how we judge others. What are some examples of where you need to give your anger to God, letting him bring peace instead?
2. Read **Luke 18:12**. In his message, Pastor Tom spoke of how the Jewish leaders didn't just try to follow the 10 commandments but made their own laws to follow. What are some ways that you fall into similar patterns and how does this knowledge help you think more like Jesus?
3. Read **John 8:31-32**. Pastor Tom said, "the main reason our world is so broken, and people's lives are so messy, and chaos seems to dominate everything is because God's truth has been distorted", but that the truth will set us free. How do you need to live out God's truth to experience freedom?
4. One of the statements Pastor Tom made was, "...if we're not careful, instead of hating what someone does, we start to hate who they are." What is the difference between hating what they do and hating who they are, and what progress have you made in becoming **Unoffendable**?
5. Pastor Tom shared how humility is the fuel that helps us live an **Unoffendable** life. How can you practice and nurture humility today? Read **Philippians 2:5-11**.

If you are not part of a small group, it's not too late to join one. Go to [MYRC.CHURCH/GROUPFINDER](https://myrc.church/groupfinder) and email a leader today!

Read Chapters 9-12 (pages 63-91) of **Unoffendable** before you go to small group.

WEEKLY READING



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE...

UNOFFENDABLE?

OCTOBER 2, 2022

MYRC.CHURCH



"ABOVE AVERAGE"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

MESSAGE NOTES

In 2022 being *unoffendable* sounds impossible since we live in a *Cancel Culture* world where people are _____ offended, or looking for a way to be offended.

Is it actually possible to _____ an unoffendable life?

Today we need to look less at those people, and more in the _____... (note [Luke 18:9-13](#)).

1. How Jesus' _____ Would Have Seen the Two Characters

The Pharisees were Jewish religious leaders who took their _____ to God and His laws seriously.

They just didn't try to follow the 10 Commandments, but they developed their list of laws to follow = _____!

(Note [Luke 18:12](#))

The tax collectors...were viewed by people as the _____ of the earth. As soon as Jesus said *Pharisee* and *tax collector*, there was no doubt in anyone's mind who was *bad* and who was *good*...

They would have been _____ by Jesus' conclusion (note [Luke 18:13-14a](#)).

2. A _____ to Navigate

The main reason our world is so broken, and people's lives are so messy, and chaos seems to dominate everything is because God's truth has been distorted, _____, and ignored.

Note [John 8:32](#)

But because we know God's truth and what's right, sometimes we get _____ by those who ignore/deny/attack God's truth and do/say/think what's wrong.

And if we stay offended long enough, an offense _____, starts to grow, and eventually makes its home in our heart.

And it grows from offense to _____.

And if we're not careful, instead of hating what someone does, we start to hate _____.

When we see how wrong others can be, we fall into the _____ trap and forget that as human beings, we all share the same major problem = spiritually defective DNA (note [Romans 3:10-12, 23](#); [Jeremiah 17:9](#)).

And even when we are right, we might be _____/not loving (note [1 Corinthians 13:1-3](#)).

CAN I LIVE AN UNOFFENDABLE LIFE?:

- Jesus cares much about _____ and right and wrong.
- But He's also concerned about _____ and humility.
- Key = _____ (note [Luke 18:14](#); [Philippians 2:5-11](#)).
- We can speak truth and be right, but be proud and be _____.
- Or, like Jesus, we can speak truth and be right; but never forget that, *I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.*
- _____ is the fuel that helps us live an unoffendable life (note [James 4:6](#)).

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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