Get Over It | Week 1

Introduction

Your life is too short, and your calling is too great to live offended. It's not God's will for us to walk around offended. Jesus didn't. He was too busy being about his Father's business to be offended by all those who disagreed with him. Being offended is inevitable, but living offended is a choice. Together, let's learn how to get over it.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Who is a person you consider to be wise? What characteristics do they have that make them wise?
- How did you spend time with Jesus this week?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What stood out, challenged, or impacted you from this weekend's message?

Watch the Video (5 minutes)

Click the link above to watch the video.

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

- 1. Why do you think people have such a hard time "getting over it?"
- 2. Jesus was unoffendable because he was deeply secure. What does security have to do with whether or not we take offense?
- 3. Have different members of the group read the following verses: <u>Proverbs 19:11</u>; <u>Proverbs 29:11</u>; <u>James 3:17</u>; <u>Colossians 4:5-6</u>; <u>1 Peter 4:8</u>; <u>Proverbs 17:9</u>.
 - a. What common theme(s) do you notice?
 - b. Based on these verses, how would you define wisdom?
 - c. Share a time in your life when you have found that "love covers over a multitude of sins."
- 4. We need God's help to overlook offenses and get over it. The Message version of <u>Matthew 5:3</u> says, "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule."
 - a. How does admitting that we're at the end of our rope bless us?
- 5. Big or small, what is an offense you need to get over? What might be the result if you do?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Use your own words or the words below:

Jesus, thank you for this time together. Thank you for your grace, and that you overlook the many ways we have offended you. Help us to know you more and to become more like you.

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Help us to get over the offenses that were shared. We love you, Jesus. In your name we pray, Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Have you said YES to following Jesus? If you or someone in your group has said YES to Jesus, but has never made the personal decision to get baptized, then baptism is your next step. Baptisms are happening at all of our campuses next weekend, September 14 & 15. Sign up at <u>baptism.sv.cc</u>.
- One of the best responses to Jesus' radical grace in our lives is to serve others. We
 hope that serving others will become a regular part of your rhythm as your group
 continues to meet.
- Find suggestions for places to serve <u>HERE</u>. Also, check out our We Care food donation page at <u>wecare.sv.cc</u>.
- Ready to learn more about the Bible and how to study it? Check out Sun Valley
 University. Our next course begins October 1. Find more information and register <u>HERE</u>.

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