

## **PART 2: Living Unoffended**

Offense is everywhere, and it will inevitably be thrown our way. What we choose to do with that offense is up to us. Remember, living offended is a choice. Let go of the offense and enjoy God's miracles.

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SCRIPTURE

MAIN TEXT → MARK 6:1-5

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**THINK** 

- Has there ever been a time when you were offended by something that was never meant to be offensive?
- Was there ever a time someone took offense to you, and you never meant to offend that person?
- Mark 6:2 says that many who heard Jesus were "amazed," but this was not amazed in a good way. Have you ever been amazed by something that wasn't a good thing?
- In the story, the people of Nazareth had a perspective of Jesus based on his occupation and who he
  was related to. Has there ever been a time you judged a person based on what they do for a living or
  who they were related to? Were you ever willing to admit your perspective was wrong?
- What things could you miss out on because you chose to take offense?

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**ENGAGE** 

- Our perspective is not always true. How will you identify the difference between the "lens" you look through and the "lens" of Jesus, and how will you shift your perspective to align with His?
- What are some key action steps to put Jesus and others above yourself? (JOY)
- If we want to live unoffended, we must overlook offenses. What are some steps you can take this week to keep your eyes focused on Jesus and who he is
- If you are holding onto any offenses, how will you work on letting go and dropping them? "You can't receive a gift with a hand-clenched fist."

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PRAY