

How to Be Offended

Part 2

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What is your favorite snack food?

How did you encounter God at church this Sunday?

Look at Proverbs 19:11. What is being urged here?

What's the difference between *overlooking* an offense and *ignoring* an offense?

How can we know whether an offense should be overlooked or whether a conversation needs to happen?

- What could happen if we overlook when we should have confronted?

Look at Matthew 18:15 and 5:23-24. What similarities and differences do you see between these verses?

If a one-on-one conversation is so often a necessary step in resolving offense, why does it not always happen?

What is the goal or “win” Jesus mentions in Matthew 18:15? How might keeping that in mind shape how we interact with people who have offended us?

What are helpful or unhelpful ways to approach this kind of conversation?

What makes for a good (or bad) apology?

When you think about having this kind of conversation with someone who has offended you (or whom you know you have offended), how does that feel?

- How are you influenced by past experience you have had?
- How are you influenced by thoughts of what might happen?

How can we pray for one another?