

## UN-OFFENDABLE

### Part 4: Mind Your Business

**Objective:** To challenge us to focus on the work Jesus gave us: Transforming the world by making disciples.

*What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”*

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

*...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

- Is there a group or activity you see in our society that offends you when ‘they’ do what they do? What is it about this group or activity that offends you?
- Have you ever had someone try to tell you how to live your life? How did it make you feel? What if someone who had a right to address your life or not? What difference does it make?
- This week’s scripture encourages us to mind our own business and not judge the world. Why is that so hard for us to do? What difference would it make in your life and in the church’s relationship with the world if we focused on minding our own business?
- If we want to be able to address the ills of our culture, we have to earn the right to speak. Based on this week’s message, what can/should we do to earn that right? What are some specific ways we can practice ‘minding our business’ so as to bring lasting transformation to our world?

#### Consider this week:

- What is the business Jesus has given us to do? (See Matthew 28:19-20). What are you going to do this week to make sure you are helping transform the world rather than simply judge it?

**Final Thought:** When we learn to stop judging the world around us and focus on living like Jesus, we have a much greater impact and actually work with Jesus to transform our world.

