

UN-OFFENDABLE Part 5: It's Not the Message

Objective: To challenge us to be good messengers of the greatest message ever given.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:9-13

***He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.***

Matthew 12:19-20

- Can you think of a time when you (or someone else) was a 'bad messenger' and as a result your message went unheard? If you're comfortable, share it with the group. (Or share the reverse, a time when you couldn't hear the message because someone else was a bad messenger.)
- Why do you think we (Jesus followers) tend to be so offensive in our attempts to share the message of Jesus?
- What are some things you can identify that make Jesus followers bad messengers of the greatest message ever?
- The message of the gospel is so important and life changing that we can't afford to let it be unheard because we are needlessly offensive. What are two or three things you can do (or your church can do) to ensure that we unoffensive?

Consider this week:

- Is there one or two things you can be intentional about to ensure you are not offensive as you share the truth of Jesus with those in your circle of influence?

Final Thought: Becoming UNOFFENSIVE may require hard work for some of us, but it will pay off in lives influenced for the Kingdom of Jesus.

