

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

UNOFFENDABLE

message notes

connect card

I would like more info about

- what Hope believes
- ways to serve
- community groups
- how to grow in walk with God

FOLLOWING JESUS

- Today I said, "YES!"
- I recommitted my life to Jesus
- I'd like to be baptized
- I'd like to start reading the Bible

NEXT STEPS

- Have a pastor contact me
- Sign up for email newsletter
- Sign up for key text updates
- Attend membership class
- Setup giving online

STEP INTO SERVING

- I'd like to help with Kids Camp
- I'm bringing _____ people to help with the spring cleaning!
- Other: _____

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E. We need to _____ to be filled with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18 and Luke 11:13**) - to keep in step with the Spirit is an act of trust in a _____ God who promises to give the Holy Spirit when we ask Him to take control.

CAN I LIVE AN UNOFFENDABLE LIFE?:

- **Ephesians 5:18**
- 2 Greek words for _____ - one means to fill a jar with a liquid...
- ...in **Ephesians 5:18**, the word conveys the idea of to fill with _____.
- Today is a great day to _____ into the Spirit-filled life!
- Have you personally embraced these true principles in God's Word and _____ asked God to fill you with the Holy Spirit?
- Is being filled with the Holy Spirit a regular, consistent experience in our lives, or is it an _____ spiritual step?
- Let God fill your sails and discover (or rediscover) the Spirit-filled life.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What was the best present you received while growing up?

1. In chapter 21, the author mentions how rules are nice, but they don't change hearts. Grace does. How has grace been extended to you and how has that experience changed you?
2. Pastor Mark summarized the past 6 weeks and challenged us to remember. How has God challenged how you think and how you act during this series?
3. Read Ephesians 4:31. Pastor Mark stated that, "Anger has a definable progression." What have you learned about your anger during this journey, and what progress have you made in letting it go?
4. Forgiveness; surrendering my hurts to a sovereign God. What steps have you taken towards living in the hope of today vs. the hurt of yesterday?
5. Read Romans 6:13. What perspectives, attitudes, or actions have you discovered which need to be submitted to the Holy Spirit?
6. Read Ephesians 5:18. What would need to change for you to live each day in step with the Holy Spirit?

THE HOMEWORK

Read chapters 25-26 before your next community group.

We live in a world where people are either _____ offended or looking for ways to be offended.

Is it actually _____ to experience an unoffendable life?

1. Let's Look Back

We're told _____ times in the Bible to remember (**Isaiah 46:9; John 14:26; Psalm 103:2**).

- A. Do we have things mixed-up? (**James 1:19-20**)
- B. How _____ is your anger? Does it _____ people to or away from Jesus?
- C. What sets me off? = _____, fear, frustration, injustice.
- A. Anger has a _____ progression (**Ephesians 4:31**). We can choose to express it, suppress it, repress it, or God's way: _____ it.
- B. How can we learn to let go of anger? = _____ my expectations of others and _____ my gratitude for God's grace.
- C. Who are *those people* and what's the _____ of not dealing with them God's way? (**Ephesians 4:29-32**)
- D. We all tend to think of ourselves as being a bit above average. There is a _____ to navigate between being right and being loving.
- E. _____ is a concealed marauder (**Hebrews 12:14-15**) - it dies when we bring it into the _____.
- F. Forgiveness means I surrender my _____ to a sovereign God. I live in the _____ of today and not the hurt of yesterday.

Knowing these _____ is critical.

But where do we get the _____ to begin experiencing a more unoffendable life?

2. Be _____ With the Holy Spirit

- A. Confession and _____.
- B. We need to know _____ we are in Jesus (**Romans 6:5-7**).
- C. We need to _____ that this truth is true for us (**Romans 6:11**).
- D. We need to _____ the parts of our body to the Holy Spirit (**Romans 6:13, 16-18**) - it is this offering of all that we are physically, mentally, and emotionally that is our _____ (**Romans 6:19-22; Galatians 5:25**).

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Fill this out and place it in the offering or feel free to scan the QR code to fill it out online!



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us?

This is my/our:

- first visit
- second visit
- visit often
- attend regularly

Share a need, praise or prayer request:

- this is for staff only
- send this on Hope text alerts

APRIL 9, 2023

what's happening at HOPE?

CITY HEARTS CRY | APRIL 21 @ 6 PM

Come for a free event to River Oaks Golf Course to learn more how to support making a difference in the lives of children in need. More info & RSVP by 4/18 to **Ann at 612.702.6419.**

HOPE STUDENTS: FMSC | MAY 3

Join students from Hope as they pack food for those in need.

DADS WITH DONUTS | MAY 7

Hope Kids & Students, donut let anything get in the way of this fun event with dad! (Moms, we'll help while your gone at women's retreat!)

SPRING CLEANING | MAY 13

Ready to do some projects and organizing?! Sign up to serve.

[MORE INFO AND SIGN UP AT GOT-HOPE.ORG/EVENTS](https://got-hope.org/events)

MIDDAY MUFFINS WITH MOM | MAY 13

A Hope Kids & Students event for a special time to come celebrate and enjoy time with mom!

STELLAR KIDS CAMP | JULY 31 - AUG 3

Kids Camp? Yep, it's what we're calling VBS this year! We'll be learning how to shine Jesus's light to the world! More info and sign up to serve or come at the link below.

SUMMER SCHEDULE IS COMING OUT!

- June 11: Annual Meeting
- June 18: Father's Day Family Fat Bat
- July 11: Playdate in the Park
- August 6: Students Cliff Jumping
- August 8: Night to Unite
- Sept 1-3: BSC Family Camp

we're all about doing life together. got-hope.org/CG

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNS | BIRTH - GRADE 5

While children are always welcome in our services, we have an interactive program for kids to learn about God and apply His truth to their lives downstairs called Discovery Land as well as a staffed nursery.

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MEN'S MINISTRY

WEDS @ 7 AM (HYVEE)
& THURS @ 6:30 PM

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YOUNG ADULTS

2ND SATS @ 7 PM
4TH SATS @ 5:30 PM

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GRIEF GROUP

TUES @ 6:30 PM

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STUDENT MINISTRIES

WEDS @ 6:30 PM | GRADES 6-12

The night consists of a game/hangout time, break-out groups, and biblical, relevant, age-appropriate messages. Friends are always welcome! Make sure to sign up online for text alerts.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MONS @ 6:30 PM (9244 HALE AVE S IN CG) & TUES @ 9 AM

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FAMILIES

1ST SUN @ 4 PM

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GRANDPARENTS

3RD SUNS @ 4 PM

got-hope.org/grandparents

you're welcome here!

