

Dear Life Together Family,

I hope you all are well, whole, and joyful – even if a little stir-crazy.

I wanted to let you know about something new we're doing this Wednesday night. I have had so many positive responses about the "Overcoming Offense" series, that our Wednesday night Adult Class has asked if we could unpack and discuss each Sunday sermon on our Wednesday night Zoom.

So, I invite you to be a part of our **Wednesday Night Zoom Class starting 5/13 at 7:00 p.m.** This week we will be catching up, so we will discuss the first three sermons of this series including this past Sunday's message. I have attached the sermon notes of each of each of the following lessons below:

- Overcoming Offense
- Deep & Wide
- 7 Signs that a Trap Has Been Laid

Here are some discussion questions that might be useful to chew on a bit in preparation for our Wednesday night Zoom discussion:

1. **Why do you believe *Offense* is such an effective trap of the enemy?**
2. **Why is it that just talking about or preaching on the subject of *Offense* creates such a strong reaction in many?**
3. **Peter's question to Jesus in Matthew 18:21-22 implies his belief that forgiving an Offense has limits. Jesus seems to push back on that belief. This is a concept in which many of us understandably struggle. How can one forgive limitlessly? What does that look like in ordinary life?**
4. **Of the seven warning signs we talked about this past Sunday (see below), which one(s) do you find the most difficult for you to heed? Why?**
 - **When you see a build-up of internal stress.**
 - **When you do more talking than listening, or refuse to talk at all.**
 - **When a sarcastic, smart-aleck, condescending, manipulative, or debating tone first makes an appearance.**
 - **When you invite Self-Pity in by focusing almost entirely on you and/or your pain.**
 - **When you don't get what you want.**
 - **When you allow yourself to start assigning motives.**
 - **When you start pulling up the past to build your case.**

I hope you can join us.

Blessings,

Pastor Lee

