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AVOID THE TAP  
Discussion Guide

## BIG IDEA

What are some of the habits and behaviors that stop us from having life-giving relationships? In today's sermon, Pastor Daniel teaches us about the trap of offense and the impact it has on our lives and relationships. When we remember that Jesus forgave us and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we embrace forgiveness, the trap opens to a life of freedom.

## SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Matthew 18:7
- 1 Samuel 18:6-9 (NLT)
- John 10:10
- Hebrews 12:15 (NLT)
- Mark 11:25
- Ephesians 4:31-32 (ESV)
- John 16:7
- Romans 8:11 (NLT)
- Luke 6:27-28 (NLT)
- Romans 12:14

## TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What causes you to take offense and fall into the trap that Satan set for you?
- How does offense (or feeling offended) affect you? What are the long-term effects of holding onto offenses?
- How can we help/encourage others who believe they have been offended?
- How would making forgiveness a core value (for yourself) transform your relationships? What is the importance of forgiveness?
- Why does remembering that we have been forgiven help us to forgive others? When has depending on the power of the Holy Spirit helped you to release an offense?

## APPLICATION IDEAS

- Support each other this week to practice depending on the power of the Holy Spirit to release offenses.
- If necessary, seek counselling to help you through this process.

## PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Break into groups of 2 or 3 and as you feel comfortable, agree with one another as you each pray for God's best in the lives of those who have offended you.

## LEADER TIPS

- Be comfortable with silence. When you ask for a response to a question, wait 15 seconds before talking. This time allows members time to think, their courage to build, and the Holy Spirit to work.