

PREPARE

- ➔ **This gathering we will remember the Lord in the ordinance of communion.** Have your elements ready - bread (ideally a crusty, unsliced loaf to 'break' together) and a cup of grape juice or wine for dipping. [Listen to this training](#) for more detail.
- ➔ **Familiarize yourself with the order of service below and choose one or two discussion questions.** It's essential that people are allowed to answer freely - there are no wrong answers, provided they sincerely say what they think. People who are allowed to speak are better listeners and their hearts will be more open to the Word of God.
 - ▶ Describe a situation where offense built a fence between you and a brother.
 - ▶ Why are close friends & loved ones easier to offend?
 - ▶ How can we approach reconciliation wrongly? (Different personalities = Different approach)
- ➔ **This week's message is entitled "The Necessity of Resolving Offense" in our series Vertical Living.** Offense is an obstacle to love. And the cost of unresolved offense is great. For this cause, God takes it very seriously. No matter your personality, the prescription for resolution is universal. God is the resource and reason for loving others. **Matthew 5:21-47**
- ➔ **Close in communion and continue your gathering over a meal.** Biblical fellowship takes time to build - even in families! Sharing a meal with your gathering after worshipping together is watering fertile ground for good things to grow.

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Start the Video	
2. Pause for Prayer	2 min
3. Worship (3 songs)	9 min
4. Pause for Discussion Questions	8 min
5. Scripture Reading	5 min
6. Prayer (group leader)	5 min
7. Message	50 min
8. The Lord's Table	9 min
9. Fellowship Meal	?

Total 90 min