

# Unoffendable Week 2: Victimhood CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### **OPENING QUESTION:**

What was your dream job when you were a kid? Why didn't you go down that path?

## **GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE**

#### **READ**:

1 Samuel 15:10-23

# **DISCUSS:**

- Why do you think people tend to blame others or their circumstances for their problems? How does this impact their ability to take ownership?
- After reading the passage in 1 Samuel 15, what lessons could we learn from Saul about not taking responsibility?
- How were you raised or how did you raise your own kids to take responsibility for their emotional, financial, and physical state?
- What is the difference between saying "Why me?" and "What now?"

#### **GROUP CHALLENGE:**

Share an area of your life where you would like to take more responsibility and one practical step you could take this week to move in the right direction.

#### **TAKE HOME QUESTIONS:**

**Table Talk** (a question to ask your family): Go around the table. Each person states one thing they should take responsibility for.

**Water Cooler** (a question to ask at work): What policies or practices would help people in our organization take personal responsibility?

# PRAYER:

Pray for each other focusing particularly on the areas we've been sharing where we might be stuck being a victim rather than a victor.

## **SCRIPTURES:**

**Proverbs 12:1**, "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid."

**Proverbs 28:13**, "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

**Job 5:17**, "Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty."

**Genesis 3:12**, "The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.'"

Galatians 6:5, "For each will have to bear his own load."

**James 1:13–14**, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire."

**1 Samuel 15:19–21**, "Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?' And Saul said to Samuel, 'I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.'"

Romans 14:12, "So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

**Exodus 32:22–24**, "And Aaron said, 'Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, "Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."