

**I. Read Luke 17:1-4**

- A. In verse 1, the Greek term *skandalon* is translated as offense in the NKJV and as stumbling block in the NASB. This word is also used to describe the cross in Galatians 5:11 and of Jesus Himself in Romans 9:33. Given the context, the NAS rendering of stumbling block conveys the best meaning in Luke 17:1. Why is the context of Luke 17:1 different from that of Galatians 5:11?
- B. Why would the cross, mentioned in Galatians 5:11, be a scandal or offense to a lost person?
- C. Why does Jesus assure His disciples that offenses (verse 1, NKJV) will come?
- D. Discuss circumstances in which offenses or stumbling blocks might arise in the lives of believers.
- E. How can we be pro-active in helping to reduce the potential for offense to occur to us (particularly in terms of our relationships in church)?
- F. How should Christians heed the warning of Christ not to be a source of offense or a stumbling block?
- G. How can we apply the warning in Luke 17:1-2 to our relationships with children?
- H. How are many Christians in our day buying into secular humanism's approach to child rearing?