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## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 18, 2026 | CALM - Week 5: Being a Peace-Maker (Stephen Martin)



### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. If you could have a meal with **any three people, living or dead**, who would you invite?
2. What is something you are **surprisingly competitive** about?



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is something from this week's message that **stuck out** to you, **challenged** you, or **encouraged** you?
2. When has **anger** turned to **resentment** in your life?
3. What does it look like to "**water the seed**" of anger?
4. Why can it feel **easier** to hold onto **resentment** than to pursue **reconciliation**?
5. What is the difference between simply **peace keeping** and actually **peace making**?
6. How does the **peace Christ gives us** change the way we deal with **conflict**?
7. What things might **God** be trying to **teach** us through **conflict**?
8. What has peacemaking **cost** you and what has it **given** you in return?



## GOING DEEPER

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READ **Genesis 33:1–11** together.

*Context: When Jacob fled, Esau was so angry that **he planned to kill him** (**Genesis 27:41**). Years later, Jacob returned to face his brother.*

1. What **jumps out** at you from these verses?
2. How does Jacob **prepare for** this meeting? What does that tell you about what he **expected**? What might holding onto that anger have cost Esau?
3. How does Esau's **response** in verse 4 compare to his **anger** in **Genesis 27:41**?
4. Why does Jacob compare Esau's welcome to seeing the **face of God** (v 10)? What does this **reveal** about **grace**?
5. What did each brother need to do to make **peace**?
6. Does pursuing peace **always restore** a relationship? What if the other person isn't willing to reconcile?



## YOUR NEXT STEP

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*Choose **one**. If you want to go deeper, try both.*

☐ **Take a step toward peace.** Choose one action this week - a text, call, invitation, or apology. You can't control the response, but you can take a step forward (**Romans 12:18**). *If there are safety concerns, reach out to a pastor or trusted friend first.*

☐ **Destroy a record of wrongs.** Read **1 Corinthians 13:5**.

Write down a hurt you're holding onto. Write "I choose to release \_\_\_\_ from the debt I've held against them for \_\_\_\_\_, pray, then destroy the page. Forgiveness ≠ auto-restored trust.



## PRAYING TOGETHER

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Take time to **share** burdens and **pray** for one another.