

## 10/5/25 Small Group Guide: Peace Through Christ

### Opening Prayer

#### Key Takeaways:

1. True peace comes from Jesus Christ, not from external circumstances or feelings.
2. God's plan was to reconcile humanity to Himself and to each other through Christ.
3. Jesus tore down the walls of hostility, creating a new humanity united in Him.
4. As believers, we are now part of God's family and His dwelling place.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions that America sees itself as one of the most divided nations. How have you experienced or observed this division in your own life?
2. Paul emphasizes remembering that we were once outsiders. Why is this important for our faith and how we treat others?
3. How does the idea of being "stones that grow" in God's temple challenge or encourage your understanding of your identity in Christ?
4. The sermon discusses how we often build walls out of fear. What are some walls you've built in your life, and how might Christ be calling you to tear them down?
5. Reflect on the story of Corrie Ten Boom. How does her experience of forgiveness inspire or challenge you?
6. The sermon suggests that our online interactions often lead to more isolation rather than connection. Do you agree? How can we foster genuine connections in a digital age?

#### Practical Applications:

1. Identify one "wall" in your life that separates you from others. This week, take a step to begin breaking down that wall.
2. Practice seeing others as fellow members of God's family, regardless of differences. Look for opportunities to extend grace and welcome to those who might feel like outsiders.
3. Reflect on areas where you might be seeking peace apart from Christ. Commit to bringing these areas to God in prayer daily this week.
4. Consider how you can be an agent of peace in your community. Is there a relationship that needs reconciliation or a group that needs welcoming?
5. Examine your online habits. Are they fostering true connection or isolation? Make one change to promote more meaningful interactions.

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Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon throughout the week and to share any insights or experiences at the next meeting.