

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Make Me An Offering

Message: Part 3 - How Do I Find Peace With God and Others?

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Connect (25min)

1. PEACEFUL PLACES

- Where are 2 *peaceful places* for you to spend time in your everyday life?
 - Where do you notice a lack of peace in your everyday life? Share 1 or 2 examples.
At work, in family life, in the media, in the world around you...
- *Bonus: Share your funniest *public place conflict story* - shopping, public pool, library, dog park...

2. TAKE 5

- [Option] Watch this 3min Video - [The Bible Project - Shalom / Peace](#)
-  **Read** [Colossians 3:12-15](#). Take a few minutes to open with praise to God and pray for one another.

Message Discussion (50min)

1. THE PEACE OFFERING

- In [Leviticus 3 and 7](#) (for reference), the *Peace Offering* was unique because everyone had a share—God, the priests, and the worshiper's family.
What does that teach us about God's desire for fellowship and relationship, not just sacrifice?
- The *Peace Offering* was voluntary, joyful, and costly.
Why do you think God wanted His people to bring this kind of offering out of gratitude rather than obligation?
How does that shape the way we approach worship today?
- The sermon compared the *Peace Offering* to mayonnaise—oil and water that don't mix unless something (the egg yolk) holds them together.
How does this illustrate Jesus' role in reconciling us to God and to one another?

2. THE PRINCE OF PEACE

-  **Read** [Isaiah 9:6, John 14:27, John 16:33, Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:14](#).
How has Jesus brought you peace with God personally? Where do you still struggle to rest in that peace?

3. THE PRICE OF PEACE


- The story of Erika Kirk forgiving her husband's murderer shows the costly nature of peace.
Why is forgiveness so hard, and what does it cost us to offer it?
- Have you ever experienced peace through costly forgiveness?

4. THE PEACE MEAL

- *Communion* is described in the sermon as the true *Peace Offering* meal.
How does taking the bread and cup remind us not only of Jesus' sacrifice, but also of our shared fellowship as His people?
- Our first *Prayer Summit* of the Fall season was on Sunday night – with worship, prayer and communion.
Have you participated in one of our *Prayer Summits*? Share your experience.
- [Option] [Share in communion as a Life Group](#), or plan an upcoming date to share in communion together.


Response & Prayer (15min)

PEOPLE OF PEACE

-  **Read [Matthew 5:9](#).**
"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God." - Jesus
- **What is one practical step you can take this week to live out the *Peace of Christ*—whether that's reconciling with someone, extending forgiveness, or simply being more present at the table with your family or friends?**

PRAY FOR PEACE

*Break into groups of 3-4, or men & women, to enhance sharing and prayer participation.

-  **Read [Romans 15:13](#).**
I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Pray for One Another**
In response to our sharing and discussion, how can we pray for you this week?
Share & Pray for one another.
- **Pray for Others**
Who is one person in your life that we can pray for together?
Share their needs & Pray for them together.

>> Share any announcements and confirm your plans for your next Life Group meeting.