

The Peacemaker – Discussion Questions
Chapters 2–3: Live at Peace / Trust in the Lord and Do Good
Sunday, September 6, 2026

Chapter 2: Live at Peace

1. Sande names three dimensions of peace: peace with God, peace with others, and peace within yourself. Which of those do people around us usually chase first? What happens when we try to get inner peace without the other two?
2. How does a person actually come to have peace with God? What does “believing in Jesus” mean in this chapter, and what does it not mean?
3. In John 17, Jesus prayed that we would be one so that the world would believe the Father sent him. Why would he tie his own reputation to how well we get along?
4. In the story of Pastor Erbele and Kent, what actually drew Cindy toward Christ? What does that say about conflict inside the church?
5. Paul tells us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit. Sande says that is gladiator language. Where have you been giving only a token effort at peace?
6. Unity is more than the absence of conflict. What does genuine peace with others actually look like, and why does our witness depend on it?
7. Satan prefers that we see other people as our only adversaries. Which of these sounds most like your heart in a current conflict: “Look out for Number One,” “I’ll forgive you, but I won’t forget,” or “I deserve better than this”?
8. Paul rebuked believers for taking one another to court. Why is peace among Christians so important that he would rather we be wronged than air the fight before unbelievers?

Chapter 3: Trust in the Lord and Do Good

9. When you are in a conflict, do you tend to see it as chance, as something someone did to you, or as something God allowed for a purpose? Why does that difference matter?

10. God is in control even over painful and unjust events, yet he never sins. How do you hold those two truths together when someone has wronged you?

11. Sande says trusting God does not mean we will never have questions, doubts, or fears. What does trusting him look like when those feelings are still there?

12. “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever.” What do you keep demanding to know before you will trust him and do good?

13. Joseph told his brothers, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.” How does that change the way you look at a wrong done to you?

14. If God were loving but not in control, he would be like a heavenly Santa Claus. How does your real view of God show up when a conflict does not go your way?

15. In the letter from the woman who almost left her marriage, what changed when she decided to trust God and go his way? What “way” are you tempted to take instead of his?

Closing Application

16. Jesus said to leave your offering at the altar and first be reconciled if your brother has something against you. Is there someone you are not at peace with? What would “so far as it depends on you” look like this week?

17. Have you been drawing on the forgiveness you have in Christ, or working this conflict in your own strength? What would it look like to depend on him from here?