



## STUDY GUIDE – May 17, 2020

**Message Title: UnChanged – Church’s Mission**  
**Teaching Pastor: Brian Hughes**

*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

How did you first hear of PCC? How long have you been attending?

### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, these are uncertain times but we are very grateful that the most important things have NOT changed. Help us to stand on your solid ground. Thank you for the opportunity to grow closer together and help remind each other that we are a part of something much bigger than ourselves, YOUR Ekklesia, THE Ekklesia.

### **Get Started:**

Today, here’s what you can count on: The mission of our church is completely, 100% unchanged.

- What does the mission of our church mean to you?
- How has our church made a difference in your life?

“We are going to create not just another ekklesia, but THE Ekklesia. The gathering of people who follow me for the purpose of helping EVERYONE follow me! The ekklesia that will flex in method, but never vary in message. Jesus said and taught - the expression of your ekklesia may change, but the message never will, and the mission to get that message out to every human on the planet will never change, either.” Pastor Brian Hughes

### **Watch and Discuss video:**

In the video, it was further emphasized that our mission is unchanged. The calling to reach beyond ourselves. We receive people just as they are, love them like they are, and slowly (over time) we help them grow in the understanding of what it means to really follow Jesus and lead others to do the same. It’s a process we are all still learning and growing in.

### **Read Ephesians 4:1-2**

It was in the above context that Jesus and Paul swung open the doors of the ekklesia and welcomed all believers, including people of every gender, race, and social status. Jesus took the time to speak the truth in love in a radical way to a Samaritan woman at a well, at a place that was typically avoided. In doing so, she accepted the truth of Jesus as the Messiah. Read about what happened as a result of her receiving this revelation of truth. We may affect Just One, but there can also be a ripple effect that follows.

### **Read John 4:39-42**

- How does PCC follow Jesus' radical example in this story in light of the Great Commission as follows: to go to the ends of the earth, help people who don't know Him come to know Him, and teach them to become followers of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)? (Consider the Here, Near and Far PCC MORE initiative, Do Good projects, Missions).

### **Reflect and Commit:**

If we want to make disciples, we must BE disciples. Many people claim to believe in Jesus but don't follow Him, not always for lack of knowledge, but for lack of knowing *how to do* what he taught us. We don't want to be "followers" who don't follow.

"But if I am to be someone's apprentice, there is one absolutely essential condition. I must be *with* that person. This is true of the student-teacher relationship... If I am Jesus' disciple, that means *I am with Him to learn from Him how to be like Him.*" Dallas Willard

### **Read Luke 6:40**

- What evidence do you see of your discipleship as it is described in Luke 6:40?

### **Read Hebrews 10:23-25**

God's desire for us includes discipleship in community. We will not stop meeting together in whatever capacity.

- Have you taken the 52-week challenge of attending church solidly for one whole year and/or will you consider it now? Briefly share your experience.

### **Pray:**

Dear God, thank you that your mission is unchanging, that we can be part of the rallying cry for the world...we can be the messengers of stability and hope. We want to be your followers showing a strong love to You Lord and to those around us and in doing so answer the call to help build Your Church. Keep us focused on reaching people who don't go to church so we can all live the fullest lives possible through Jesus Christ.