



STUDY GUIDE

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Message Title:
Teaching Pastor:

PCC's 20 Year Celebration
Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min)

Share a favorite PCC memory.

"In early 2002, God began to speak to me, his voice clear, his message undeniable. He said 'Now, I want you to go get your people. People who are interested in God, people who are open to the truth about Jesus, but who feel like they are outsiders to the church.' It was a crazy idea. But on Sunday September 1, 2002, with a small group of people around me and virtually no resources and absolutely no experience, our church was born." -Pastor Brian Hughes

Pray:

Dear Lord, we are in awe of how You have moved in the hearts of Pastor Brian and a committed team of folks to create a radical movement to reach those far from You. Much like they heard You clearly then, help us to clearly hear You now. Settle our minds and hearts so we can focus on Your Word. Please equip and guide us to stay in Your will, and know which way to go, as we move forward in this new decade. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Get Started: (20 min.)

- Share briefly, about your church background. How did you feel about going to church?
- What did God use to get your attention and expose you to the message of the Gospel?

Read Colossians 2:6-7.

- Paul uses two images of "living your lives *in*" Christ: "rooted" and "built up." What does the image of being "rooted" in Christ bring to mind? How does that help you to actually live your life in Christ?
- What does the image of being "built up" in Christ bring to mind? How does that help you to live in Christ?

Watch and Discuss Video: (running time 12 min./20 min. discussion)

Read Colossians 3:12-14.

- Why is love referred to as the perfect bond of unity?

Read Colossians 3:15-17 and 1 Corinthians 12:27. (if time or during individual study time read all of 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, as well as Romans 12)

- Would you consider that you are *coming to church* or *being the church*? Give your most recent example of being the church.

Rick Warren, says that *“Followers of Jesus who are not part of a church are orphans.”*

- What is your reaction to this quote?

“The purpose of the church is to help current disciples be better disciples, while making more disciples.” -Pastor Brian Hughes

- How have you become a better disciple? How do you want to become a better disciple? How will you help to disciple others? (After everyone answers challenge them and say “Consider all that is offered at PCC and take a next step in your faith journey.”)

Reflect and Commit: (10 min.)

“The church was always designed to be a movement, a kinetic force, an energy that is pushing ahead so that the whole world may know that Jesus Christ is Lord.” -Pastor Brian Hughes

- What are you most excited about, in this season, when it comes to your church experience?

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4.

“We remember on our 20th birthday that we’ve united around faith in Jesus and share a resolve for the cause of Jesus. That’s who we are - and it’s who we will be in the future. How did we get here? An unwavering belief that there is nothing that we can’t do when we are operating under the power of God. Because there is nothing that our God can’t do! Do you agree? Say it with me; There’s nothing that our God can’t do! There’s nothing that our God can’t do!” -Pastor Brian Hughes

Gather prayer requests and pray. (5-10 min.)

Pray:

Dear Lord, You have been advancing Your kingdom through PCC for the last 20 years. In unity and resolve, we continue to join our hearts and minds in celebration and praise for all that You are and all that You’ve done and all that You will do. We believe there is truly nothing that You can’t do. We pray that Your supernatural power will continue to fulfill Your bold plans and purposes through us, Your church. We are humbled to have the opportunity to be a part of changing the world. It’s in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.