

# BEYOND SUNDAY

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## From The Beginning



# ONE KINGDOM. INDIVISIBLE.

July 19, 2020

PCC's [One Kingdom Invisible](#) series will provide an overview of the Kingdom of God, as it is taught throughout Scripture. Each week we will focus on the theological foundation for the unity of the Kingdom of God, while making applications to our current national/cultural environment. The hope is to provide a Christ-like lens for how the Church can be a unified voice of good news in a uniquely and profoundly divided country.

### #1

Gary opened telling his story of being the grandson of Italian immigrants. Stories shape our identity and inform our behaviors. Take some time to ponder and share the stories that shaped the narrative of your life and family growing up.

### #2

In our study called [One Kingdom Indivisible](#), we are focused on the story of the Kingdom of God (what life looks like when God gets His way). How does allegiance to our Kingdom story bring healing to the family or any other earthly story we inherited?

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## #3

Read [Genesis 1:26-28](#). What do you observe about what theologians call “The Creation Mandate” given to the man and woman? Gary summarized it as “building a shared life together” and “stewarding God’s creation.” Is this mandate still binding for the church today? What are some ways you see this being lived out through the church? Where can PCC grow in our faithfulness to this mandate? What role does unity play in fulfilling this mandate? (see [John 17:20-21](#).)

## #4

Read [John 10:10](#). The thief (Satan) has always had a three-fold strategy. How do you see that strategy, specifically each of the three aspects, being manifested in our world today?

## #5

Read [Genesis 3:1-19](#) and speak of the effects of sin. Gary mentioned that sin is dehumanizing, that is, it erodes the “Image of God” in each of us and in our culture. Think of ways our communities are dehumanized by sin.

## #6

In [Genesis 4:8-9](#) we read of Cain killing Abel and Cain asking if he was his brother’s keeper. To keep: is to “take care of,” “guard,” or “regard.” It is used for tending to things of immense value to the keeper such as a garden (Gen 2:15), a flock (Gen 30:31), a house (2 Sam 15:16). Interact with this statement: *“At the heart of the political divisiveness and racism in our culture is a lack of acknowledging our responsibility to ‘keep’ the other -- those we disagree with.”* Agree or disagree? How does the parable of the Good Samaritan in [Luke 10:25-37](#) inform your answer?

## #7

What do the following New Testament passages say about our responsibility towards others? [Hebrews 13:1](#), [1 John 3:16](#), [1 John 4:20-21](#), [Galatians 5:13](#).

## #8

Gary finished the message stating that Genesis closes with what theologians call a “type” (an Old Testament figure that points to Jesus and the Gospel) for Christ--that of Joseph. Read [Genesis 45:4-7](#) and point out where you see the parallels between Joseph and Jesus.

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## #9

Finish your time praying [John 17:20-21](#) for Kingdom unity and against anything in you that is an agent of disunity. Pray for PCC to be unified and passionate about joining Jesus and His Kingdom priorities on the Peninsula.

## Resources:

Suggested Reading: [The Third Option](#)

PCC Series Web Page: [One Kingdom. Indivisible.](#)

PCC Family Ministries: [Table Talker for July 19, 2020](#)