

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

As Jonathon, our Sunday speaker and Student Ministry Pastor, stated, being called out isn't something we usually enjoy. Have you ever been called out for something? How did you respond? It's often easier to call someone else out than it is to receive feedback or get called out by someone. Why is that? Look up Matthew 7:5. What does Scripture instruct us to do before we "call someone out?"

#2

The background of the children of Israel included being enslaved, the abuse of power, being distant from God, being prideful, living a life of ups and downs, and being disobedient, just to name a few. In what ways do you relate to the children of Israel? Are there other ways that you relate to

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them? How does this give you hope or fear when it comes to your relationship with God?

#3

Read <u>Exodus 19</u>. The Lord revealed Himself to the children of Israel at the foot of Mt. Sinai with thunder, lightning and loud blasts of a trumpet. How did they respond (v. 16)? Write down or tell how you met the Lord for the first time. How did you respond? How did you feel? How did meeting God change your life?

#4

Most of what the children of Israel knew came through Moses. They hadn't yet met the Lord or didn't fully know Him personally at this point. They knew of His miracles and promises but most of what they knew came through Moses. Have YOU fully met God? Do YOU fully know God today? If you are already a believer, have you ever let yourself be "spoon-fed" by our Pastors rather than meeting with God yourself? In what ways can you develop your own relationship with God today?

#5

God called His people to be His treasured possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. God calls us to be who He intends us to be as well. What are some of God's expectations for us as the body of Christ? For the church as a whole? For us individually? Why don't we often receive God's calling out in our lives? Look up and read Matthew 5:13-14. What is God calling us to be? What does that mean to you?

#6

As stated by Jonathon, it is often easier to fall into the patterns of the world than to be who God wants you to be. How does **Romans 12:2** instruct us to live and how does this align with Kingdom allegiance?

#7

Finish in prayer by asking God to help you live into your call of being the light and salt in a world that is hurting and lost. Pray that you will not conform to the pattern of the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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Resources:

PCC Web page: <u>One Kingdom. Indivisible.</u>
<u>The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation</u> by Miles McPherson
<u>Table Talk</u> for July 26, 2020