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PCC's **One Kingdom. Indivisible. series** has been an overview of the Kingdom of God, as it is taught throughout Scripture. The hope was 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. This week, as we close out the series, we learn how to remain unified in hope amidst divisive and chaotic times.

#1

Using a scale of 1-10, with 1 being low and 10 being high, rate your level of hope for the following: The presidential election, the economy, racial injustice, the fires in California, the unique school year, your health, your relationships, the church. Discuss or reflect. [Note: if you do feel suicidal, hopeless, depressed, frustrated or angry, see the following resources: **suicide hotline**, local therapists **One Life, CCC**, **PCC Stephen Ministers**.]

#2

Our guest speaker Rici Skei, co-founder of On Ramps Ministries, motivational speaker, and worship educator, says we may not fully understand **eschatology**. What does that mean? How does a greater understanding of the end times bring hope to believers? For more on **Rici's ministry**.

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#3

While reflecting on either today's world crisis, or the end times can seem daunting, how does Peter's words in **1 Peter 1:13** give instruction and encouragement? Where are we to place our hope? See also **Psalm 33:20, 21** and **Hebrews 9:28.** Discuss or reflect.

#4

God knows what we are going through in our lives right now. Today's issues, or thoughts on the end times, do not take Him by surprise. How do the following verses give us both encouragement and instruction for living in the here and now? **Revelation 22:12, Psalm 139:5, Deuteronomy 31:6, Exodus 14:13.**

#5

How are you living today? Does it feel a little "end-timish?" How does that motivate you to live? We don't have to wait for the promise of Christ's return to be filled with hope. That same power that raised Jesus from the grave can live in us today. See **Psalm 71:14**. How is your hope for what is coming soon? Are you looking and living for the second coming of Christ? What does that look like? See **Romans 15:13.** We can both be filled with hope today **and** look to the hope of Christ's return.

Prayer:

Lord, we confess our hope is not always in you but in things of this world. Help us to stand firm and fix our eyes and hope on You. May the God of Hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in Him, no matter what you're going through, no matter what your circumstances are, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. May this hope in you make a difference in the world around you today. May others see this hope and be in awe because of who God is. In His Almighty Name we pray.

Resources:

Bible Project Video: Gospel of the Kingdom

PCC Series Web Page: One Kingdom. Indivisible.

Book: The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation by Miles McPherson

Digital Card: One Kingdom. Indivisible. Commitment