



## STUDY GUIDE

September 11, 2022

**Message Series:**

**Give and Take**

**Message Title:**

Legacy

**Teaching Pastor:**

Brian Hughes

### Warm-up/Icebreaker: (5-10 min)

Share your funniest national park, hiking, or general outdoors memory.

### Pray:

Dear Lord, thank You for gathering us together to learn and grow during this new season. We commit our time to You and to each other to deepen our faith. We know You have so much in store for us as we study Your powerful Word. Please focus our minds and fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can understand Your plan for our lives. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Get Started: (30 min.)

- How is it that you started attending PCC? What made you come back?

Each of these study guides includes quotes from Sunday's message. Here's one from Pastor Brian about our new series:

*"If we examine the most important relationships and see that they are symbiotic, mutually beneficial, rooted in give and take, why do we think our relationship with God is different?"*

*I believe that the church - not just our church but THE church - has been tempted to only relay one side of this equation. We've leaned into what you GET FROM God and away from what is DEMANDED BY God. I know that demand is a strong word. And that's the point. Somewhere we decided that a demand from God isn't nice, and we want God to be nice, and gentle, and...well...not demanding. So we leaned away from THAT side and made the relationship all about ONE side. The side that is all about what we get from God. But for you to experience all the goodness that God wants to GIVE you, you have to understand that God wants some things from you, too." -Pastor Brian Hughes*

- Pastor Brian posed a great question to process. If we examine the most important relationships and see that they are symbiotic, mutually beneficial, rooted in give and take, why do you suppose we think our relationship with God is different?

### Read Hebrews 11.

- What are the common themes shown in the examples of relationships with God, listed in this passage? What is most meaningful to you in reading these examples?
- Reread **Hebrews 11:6**. What does this tell us about our relationship with God? Is this part of your current relationship with Jesus?
- Who has most impacted you by the legacy that they left behind? How has it affected you?

**Watch and Discuss Video:** (video running time 9 min./15-20 discussion)

**Read Matthew 16:13-18.**

- What is the significance of Jesus beginning the question with the word “But” in, “But who do you say I am?”

In the video, Pastor Brian talked about how encountering God tends to require 3 key components:

1. Proximity - Putting yourself in a place where you draw close to God
  2. Patience - Waiting on the Lord
  3. Persistence - Pursuing God consistently
- Share about an encounter you have had with God, whether recent or in the past. On which of these three key components, do you need to place your focus currently?

**Reflect and Commit:** (15 min.)

*“The teachings of Jesus are not complicated, but they are costly. They require us to behave differently...to behave better. To care not just with words, but with actions. Peter was absolutely committed to the teachings of Jesus, and it’s why he went out of his way to love people who didn’t think like him, didn’t believe like him. Because that’s what Jesus taught. And we should be like him. Our legacy is dependent on it. We should be known not so much by who we vote for as for who we live for. And His name is Jesus. Let’s be like him.”-Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Jesus prayed to the Father for us. Read his prayer in John 17:6-26.**

- What does being ‘not of the world’ really look like? Discuss the significance of what Jesus was praying.
- What comes to mind when you think of the "legacy" that you want to leave behind? If people could only remember one thing about you, what would you choose?

Gather prayer requests and pray. (5 min.)

*We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12*

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, thank you for impacting our lives and our purpose with Your truth. With You we will always have a firm foundation. We desire Your vision and Your hope for our future. Please cultivate within us, absolute confidence, commitment and conviction about the reality and mission of Jesus. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to follow You and to leave a legacy of love and faith to those around us. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.