

## PCJH Small Group Study Guide

**Topic: Post Election Pastoral Response**

**Text: Psalm 46; Romans 1:9-12**

**Title: Where Do We Go From Here?**

### Opening Questions:

1. Was there ever a time when your life was threatened? How did you respond?
2. Has there been a time in your life where everything seems to be out of your control? What helped you through that situation?

### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt that God does not help you in times of trouble? Why?
  2. How do you measure faithfulness? What does it look like?
  3. When God tests you, or bad stuff happens, how might this be a time for you to learn and to trust Him?
  4. In what ways have you experienced God as a refuge, a strength, and a very present help in trouble?
  5. Why is it despite God's faithfulness in the past, troubles in the present or anticipated future troubles can tempt us to fear rather than faith?
  6. How is hope fueled in your heart knowing there is a city where we will dwell with the Most High that will never be moved?
  7. Look at verses 7 and 11 of Psalm 46. How do these verses teach us how we can know God as the almighty? What does it mean that the Lord is almighty?
  8. Psalm 46 is best known for Verse 10. This verse is in contrast to much of the psalm as it is a psalm of activity. What resonates with you – the activity or stillness?
  9. What does it mean for you to be still and know God? What does that look like?
  10. What verses speak into the pandemic we are living in? What words or phrases bring you comfort?
  11. How can you relate this psalm to your life in Christ? Based on your time spent with Psalm 46, what does it mean for your life, priorities, and decisions?
  12. Read again Romans 12:9-21. What phrases strike you the most? Why?
  13. How, according to Paul, might our attitude make a big difference as we express our gifts?
  14. What does Paul say we are to do about evil?
  15. What role should the people of God (the church) play in society today? Should Christians be involved in politics? Why or why not?
  16. How is Christ himself an example of living out what Paul calls for in verses 14-21?
  17. The early part of Romans 12 (vv. 1-13) deals with what we might call the inner life of the church. This last section (vv. 14-21) is about how Christians behave within the wider public world. How would the wider world respond to seeing the church live out what's described in 14-21?
  18. Talk about how our inner life is to be reflected in our outer life.
- Closing Questions: How might this group be praying for each other?