

## Get Involved

God calls Christians to be disciples by gathering to worship, getting involved in intentional community, and living a life of mission. Take a step forward in discipleship through:

**Community Groups**

Meet with a CG during the week in order to connect with others and grow in faith.

**Serving at Pacific Crossroads**

Help others connect with our church community each Sunday.

**Serving PCC Children and Youth**

Be a role model for our growing Children's and Youth ministries.

**Serving Los Angeles**

Provide care and support to LA's poor and marginalized through Hope for LA.

**Serving Abroad**

Support our global missions partners through short-term missions trips.

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## Reflections

And we are different

We are counted your people.

We are grateful to be called by You, and glad for our special way of faith in the world.

You have marked us and named us and signed us, and we are different, different memories, different hopes, different fears, different commands, different ways of being.

That difference we find glorious, but at times a burden too severe.

We yearn to be like the others, like the others in power, in money, in freedom, in certitude, in security, like the others, uncalled, unburdened, unembarrassed.

We come to you in that deep trial of difference and likeness.

Engage us in our difference, Give us courage for our different vocations, and energy for our different hope.

In the name of your crucified, Easter One, so unlike all the others. Amen.

*-Prayers of Walter Brueggemann, On reading 1 Samuel 8*

## Scripture

1 Samuel 8:4-9, 19-22, 35

1 Samuel 8:4-9 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup> and said to him, "Behold you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all nations." <sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup> that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles ." <sup>21</sup> And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

<sup>35</sup> The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

## Sermon

*Give Us a King*

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