

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Joshua 20

Sermon Title: A Place of Refuge

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Joshua 20 (NKJV)

1 The LORD also spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses,

3 that the slayer who kills a person accidentally *or* unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he flees to one of those cities, and stands at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declares his case in the hearing of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city as one of them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 Then if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not deliver the slayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, but did not hate him beforehand.

6 And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the slayer may return and come to his own city and his own house, to the city from which he fled.' "

7 So they appointed Kedesh in Galilee, in the mountains of Naphtali, Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and Kirjath Arba (which *is* Hebron) in the mountains of Judah.

8 And on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness on the plain, from the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwelt among them, that whoever killed a person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the congregation.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Let's recap from the sermon what a city of refuge is. What is a city of refuge? Why was there a need for a city of refuge?**
- 2. How do we relate to this? Are we all murderers, whether accidental or intentional? Do you and I need of a city of refuge?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **God gave Israel 6 cities of refuge. Typically, 7 is the number of perfection or completion. Has God given us another city of refuge? Where is our city of refuge today?**

2. **Is there a role for us the church to play here on earth as the Body of Christ? Are there application points for us within the church and also in our various ministries?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to have a living relationship with Christ as His body by seeking His answers and guidance on the issues we face.

- Pray for our church to be a true city of refuge for one another and also for those who will enter in later on. Pray that we will be Pentecost in the community and in the nations, carrying His presence, power, peace and purposes.

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.