PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 05/01/2020 Text(s): John 4:35-36 Title: Look! Preacher: Rev Dr Jonathan Seet (The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

<u>READ (5 mins)</u> (Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

John 4:35–36 (ESV)

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. Wheat and barley look similar as they grow. When they are ready for harvest they are no longer green. They turn "white". Harvest is not just a romantic idea it is hard work, probably the hardest part of farming. *Have you done a bit of gardening before or grown small plants in small pots at home? If you have, what was the experience like? How much work did you have to put in to see flowers or fruits grow?*
- 2. Jesus said to the disciples don't say there is still time before harvest time, don't say there are still 4 months before harvest, even though that may be a fact; because farmers must prepare ahead of time. To prepare only at harvest time is too late. The crops will not wait for you. They will all die. *Have you ever been caught unprepared due to an emergency or a sudden change in schedule and found yourself ill-prepared for the task at hand?*
- 3. Farmers must prepare to harvest. How? First, finish all other projects free to give all attention to the harvesting task. Second, make sure you get all the help you need. Third, make sure all your tools/machineries are in working order. Fourth, have a plan to maximize the use of tools and labour resources. Fifth, check and prepare the storage of the harvest (no pests, no leaking roof, no holes in the walls). *Which of these 5 steps do you think you need to pay some attention to?*

RELATE (30 mins)

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



- 1. Have you experienced before the emotional changes from being thrilled, to being bored, to being upset when new people join our church? If you have, how did you overcome the boredom and how did you handle your ruffled emotion?
- 2. The Lord said to Ps Jonathan, "Look, the harvest is coming. I am bringing in new people." Thousands of new homes are coming up in Tampines and Pasir Ris. Some have already moved in at Tampines North. The outcasts in Changi Prison are very near us. The needy and the rough-sleepers are around us. What did you sense in your heart seeing the new developments happening around us, while being made aware of the needy near us?
- 3. We are the Body of Christ, meaning what God wants to do here in in Singapore, He will do it through us. What can we do, individually and collectively, to prepare for the harvest? What can we do to bring in the harvest?

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 weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to sense more of God's heart for the lost, for the harvest. Pray that we would be convicted to rise up to be harvesters. Pray that God would also raise up more workers to join us.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support.
- Remember to pray for our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.