

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



**Sermon Date: 16/02/2020**

**Text(s): Matthew 22:37-39; Luke 10:25-29**

**Title: Loving God, Serving Together**

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

### **READ (5 mins)**

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

#### **Matthew 22:37–39 (ESV)**

**37** And he said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

**38** **This is the great and first commandment.**

**39** **And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

#### **Luke 10:25–29 (ESV)**

**25** And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

**26** He said to him, “**What is written in the Law? How do you read it?**”

**27** And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

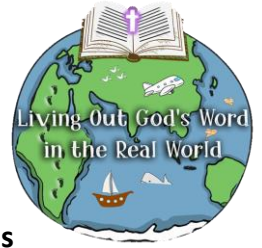
**28** And he said to him, “**You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.**”

**29** But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. Matthew 22:37-39 was John Wesley’s favourite bible passage to show Christians should pursue personal holiness and social holiness. Any devout Jew would know the Shema (v37) found in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Do you know Matthew 22:37-39 by heart? If not, let’s recite these verses together several times right now and begin to memorize them.**



2. **The story of the Good Samaritan points to the close relationship between loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbour as ourselves. The lawyer thought to love God is to perform all the religious rituals perfectly. As for loving one's neighbours, he thought he reserved the right to decide for himself who is to be his neighbour. Is it true that to love God is to perform rituals perfectly? And is it correct that we have the right to decide for ourselves who is our neighbour?**
  
3. **Bishop Chong said the lawyer asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour," but he should also have asked the question, "Whose neighbour am I?" How do you see yourself today? Who is your neighbour and whose neighbour are you? How do you define things when there are no rules or regulations to help decide or explain who is our neighbour?**

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

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

1. **John Wesley said believers must live in the grace of God, and it will lead us to works of piety. What are works of piety? Works of piety include prayer, reading of Scripture and fasting. Is it possible for a Christian to do all this without receiving God's grace?**
  
2. **Wesley also said that believers must have others journeying with them in holy living, and this will lead us to acts of mercy. Every Christian claims to live in God's grace but not every Christian makes it a point to journey with someone in holy living. What are some reasons Christians give for not journeying with others? And how can we overcome these barriers?**

### **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 receive God's grace for works of piety and works of mercy so that we might love God with all our heart and mind and to love our neighbour as ourselves.
  
- 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.