

## **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

### *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 07/02/2021**

**Text(s): Philippians 1:1–8**

**Sermon Title: Partnership In The Gospel**

**Preacher: Rev Collin See**

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

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

#### **Philippians 1:1–8 (NLT)**

**1** This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

**2** May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

**3** Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

**4** Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,

**5** for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

**6** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

**7** So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.

**8** God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

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

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

- 1. Have you ever been in a discipleship relationship before? Whether it was a formal and structured relationship within a discipleship program in a church or an informal and unstructured relationship at a personal level, please share what that experience was like. Share about who discipled you and how it was conducted.**
- 2. Different ones get involve in a ministry for different motives, just as different people come to Christ for different motives. Some just want a free *fire-insurance* out of hell. What are some motives and attitudes that are *must-have* for any ministry to have impact and to be honoring to God?**

3. In the sermon, the preacher brought out James 4:17 where it says, “Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.” He explained that it is sin to serve with a wrong motive, since we know we are to serve with the attitude of a servant. But some might say, since it’s difficult to get people to serve, we should just take anyone who is willing to serve, even if the motives are wrong. What are your thoughts on this?

**REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

1. “The strong makes no mistake and will never admit their weakness.” “Meekness is weakness.” Could these be the reasons why sometimes there is a lack of meekness and humility among God’s people? What hope is there for us if we are not able to recognize our own lack of humility?
2. Within the church, who are those who have a special place in your heart? How can we develop this special place in our hearts for God and also for others around us?

**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 have the heart of a servant and to be willing to slave together with others in the church in partnership for the gospel.
- Pray for our church to be a mature people of God and to be more productive in the different ministries as empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- 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.