

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 20/02/2022**

**Text(s): John 15:1–8**

**Sermon Title: I Am The True Vine**

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

## **READ (5 mins)**

### **John 15:1–17 (NLT)**

- 1** “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.
- 2** He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.
- 3** You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.
- 4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.
- 5** “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.
- 7** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!
- 8** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.
- 9** “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.
- 10** When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.
- 11** I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!
- 12** This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.
- 13** There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
- 14** You are my friends if you do what I command.
- 15** I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.
- 16** You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.
- 17** This is my command: Love each other.

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

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

- 1. Pruning helps to shape a plant and even save it from diseased branches. How has God shaped you as you grow as a believer? Have you experienced being saved from a certain disease, whether in the physical or the spiritual?**
- 2. Pruning also helps a plant to be more productive by encouraging regeneration. Do you know how that works in the natural? Do you know how it works in the spiritual, that pruning can help us to be more productive spiritually?**

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

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

- 1. How do we ensure we continue to be fruitful in our spiritual life? What is that one thing we need to pay attention to within ourselves?**
- 2. Read John 15:12–13. How do we love one another as members of the family of God? Do we need to literally die for one another? Discuss the ways we can “lay down our lives” for one another.**

### **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 be willing to be pruned by God on a regular basis.
- *Pray for our church to be a people who will remain in the Vine and be willing to lay down our lives for one another.*
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and to stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.