

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 9/04/2023

Text(s): John 20:19-23

Sermon Title: As The Father Sent Me, So Send I You

Preachers: Dr John Ng

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

READ (5 mins)

John 20:19–23 (NIV84)

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”**

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, **“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”**

22 And with that he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.**

23 **If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher shared an interesting thought at the start of the sermon. Why didn't Jesus appear to Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas the high priest, and to the Pharisees after His resurrection? Why did He appear to the disciples who were frightened and even began to have doubts about Jesus being the Messiah? What do you think could have happened if Jesus had appeared to Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas the high priest, and the Pharisees?**
- 2. In the sermon we heard this phrase over and over again, “Even as the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” From the context of the message, what is Jesus sending us to do? Why is this assignment important and in what contexts can we carry out this assignment?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **God uses people who are dependent on Him, people who are grieving, and people who are seeking righteousness. Where in Scripture do we learn that God uses these types of people, and what examples can we find in the Bible of these types of people?**

2. **God's desire to restore life and bring peace has not changed. But He wants to do it through us, His people. What needs to happen with us in order for us to fulfill the desire God has for our world? Share also how you feel about this requirement and how committed are you to this process.**

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 committed to grow and mature to so that we may be peacemakers like Jesus the ultimate Peacemaker.
- Pray for our life groups and our church to be a people who are committed to be peacemakers at church, at home and at work despite the painful experiences.
- 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.