

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): John 17

Sermon Title: Kept In The Father's Name

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

READ (5 mins)

John 17 (ESV)

- 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
- 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
- 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
- 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.
- 6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
- 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.
- 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
- 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
- 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.
- 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.
- 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
- 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
- 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
- 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.
- 20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
- 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
- 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,
- 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.
- 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
- 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.
- 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Our world is a hostile and dangerous one. What's more, it is often hostile toward God's people. Have you received any form of hostility as a result of your identifying with Christ and your allegiance to Christ? If you have, how did you handle the hostility?**
- 2. Jesus requested that the Father keep the disciples from the evil one (v15). Was Jesus praying for the disciples' physical, political or economic safety? How did the preacher explain this point? What are your own thoughts on this issue of safety and protection?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. Jesus prayed that His disciples be sanctified in the truth (v17). What does it mean to be sanctified by God? Why do we need to be sanctified or what purpose does it serve?**
- 2. How does God sanctify us? How can truth be an agent of sanctification? Why is *truth* so important that Jesus would ask the Father to sanctify us by the it?**

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 persevere in our spiritual journey with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, taking in spiritual food daily.
- Pray for our life groups and our church to be a people who would humbly look to the Father to keep us safe and sanctified for His purposes.
- 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.