

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 18/04/2021

Text(s): Philippians 2:5–11

Sermon Title: Jesus Christ the Servant

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

READ (5 mins)

Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV)

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Can each one of us here share a definition of humility, whether you heard it from a sermon or one you thought of yourself? Or share a common definition of humility from a dictionary.**
- 2. Philippians 2:7 has these words, “form of a servant” and “likeness of men”. The preacher explained that Jesus did not merely have an outward appearance of a human being but that he was truly a human being. Does everyone agree with this or does someone have a different thought? Furthermore, what did it mean for Jesus to be fully God and fully human?**

3. **We've looked at what it meant for Jesus as God becoming a human. Now, let's look at what it meant for Jesus as God becoming a servant. What's the difference between being a servant in the Roman world in the 1st century AD and being a servant in the western world in the 21st century AD?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **In v5, Paul told the Philippians to "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." What is this mind we are to have and how do we obtain it? How were the Philippians to live out this mindset? How may we do the same in our context today?**
2. **So far, we've talked about how to think, what not to do and what to do. All these are important points of discussion. Yet there is something that includes these and, at the same time, goes beyond them. From the sermon, what do you remember as this very important principle Jesus modelled for 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 the monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be willing to avail ourselves to serve one another.
- *Pray for our church to be a people with a servant mindset, more than just willing to serve but willing to embrace servanthood.*
- 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.