

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 31/05/2020

Text(s): Mark 1:16–18; 1:6–8; 16:17–18.

Title: Follow Me

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

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

Mark 1:16–18 (ESV)

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”**

18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:6–8 (ESV)

6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 16:17–18 (ESV)

17 **And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;**

18 **they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. This week begins a new sermon series on the book of Mark. The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as the coming King of Israel, the Messiah. The Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as the Servant of the Lord. The Gospel of Luke presents Jesus as the perfect, yet dependent Human. The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the Son of God, the eternal Deity. Can each of the angles or focuses of the 4 Gospels speak to us in the situations we face in life? If yes, please share how one of them speaks to you.**



2. Right from the start, Jesus said to the disciples, “Follow Me.” Imagine if Jesus had said to them, “I will only be with you for 4 hours. Write down all the verbal instructions I’m going to give you and follow them from thereon.” Or if Jesus had said, “Let me draw a map to heaven for you and use this map to guide you through life and on to heaven because I’ll be gone in 4 hours.” What difference does it make that Jesus said “follow me” and not just “follow my notes” or “follow my map”?
3. Pentecost Sunday is the 50th day or the 7th Sunday from Resurrection Sunday. It is celebrated as the day the disciples were baptized with the Holy Spirit and began to move and minister in power. They ministered very differently from the religious authorities of their day. There were supernatural works of the Holy Spirit, with many getting supernaturally healed and set free. What do you think would have happened if the apostles had ministered in exactly the same way as the religious authorities of their day, with no miracles, signs and wonders?

RELATE (30 mins)

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

1. The preacher shared how we at PMC can become fishers of men and women: Firstly, by being a community, a koinonia, where God’s power through the Holy Spirit is expressed in healings and in signs and wonders. Secondly, by expressing agape love, where there is generosity of finances, time and patience – a supernatural expression of love. There is genuine koinonia when we see both of these aspects expressed. Have you considered how you can grow in these 2 areas and participate in genuine koinonia?
2. One more thought to explore in following Christ. Must we have a full plan or have knowledge of all the steps we are going to take before we start something? If we don’t need to know it all, what must we at least know?

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 again for one another to have a dynamic and personal relationship with the Holy Spirit every day of our lives.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support or financial support. Continue to pray for those in Singapore infected with Covid-19 to come to full recovery.
- Remember to pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.