PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 24/04/2022 Text(s): Nehemiah 7 Sermon Title: God's Greater Plan Preacher: Rev Dr Jonathan Seet (The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Take the time and read the whole of Nehemiah chapter **7** together in your own bibles.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Prophet Isaiah prophesied about 140 years in advance the successes of Cyrus for the sake of Israel (see Isaiah 45). Prophet Daniel prophesied that Jerusalem would be rebuilt and restored (see Daniel 9:25). What do these prophecies tell us about our God? Is the ministry of prophecy still valuable and relevant today?
- 2. As prophesied by Prophet Daniel, the Messiah would be "cut off" in the time frame of 483 years from the time King Artaxerxes issued the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. What are your thoughts about how the date of the Messiah's ministry on earth was so accurately prophesied? What would you have done to prepare for the coming of the Messiah if you were living during the time of the apostles?

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. Oftentimes we don't know how the things we do will impact future generations, near or far. Isaiah, Daniel and Nehemiah were faithful to the Lord God whatever God permitted them to do and to go through. How do you understand *faithfulness?* What does to be faithful mean to you?
- 2. What legacy has your parents or grandparents left for you? As for yourself, what footsteps would you personally like to leave behind so that those who come behind you may follow after you?

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 determined to walk closely with Jesus and to remain faithful to God under all circumstances, whether comfortable or challenging.
- Pray for our church to be a people who have strong convictions concerning spiritual things and a deep hunger for the things of God so that we leave behind footsteps for others who follow behind us in order to help them walk closely with God just as we did.
- 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.