

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 25/04/2021**

**Text(s): Philippians 2:5–11**

**Sermon Title: Shining Light**

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

### **READ (5 mins)**

#### **Philippians 2:12–18 (NLT)**

**12** Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

**13** For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

**14** Do everything without complaining and arguing,

**15** so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

**16** Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

**17** But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy.

**18** Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

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

- 1. What is light and what is darkness? In simple words, how would you say what light is and what darkness is in our physical world?**
- 2. Jesus called us to let our light shine (see Matthew 5:16). Apostle Paul encouraged the Philippians to let their light shine (v15). How do we let our light shine in this world? What should be present? What is absent when our light is not shining?**
- 3. We can all shine for God no matter the stage of our spiritual walk. New believers may begin to learn to shine and are encouraged to grow in it. Mature believers may also increase in it even if they've been shining for Christ for many years. From the sermon, what does it mean to shine brightly for the Lord?**

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

1. In v12 we see this phrase that makes us wonder what it really means: "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." If salvation is a gift from God that comes by grace, what work is there for us, and how is this work related to our salvation?
  
2. This week's sermon brought up a matter that is difficult to talk about: the matter of complaining and arguing. Why do they happen? What do they point to when they happen (what are they signs of)? And how can we remove complains and arguments from among 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 devote ourselves to shine for the Lord Jesus through our good works both at church and at the marketplace.
- *Pray for our church to be a united people that is willing to put aside all complaining and arguing in order that we might serve God together with joy.*
- 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.