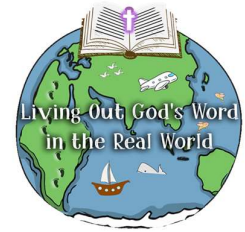


PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH
LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 02/06/2019

Text/s: Daniel 1

Title: Godly Principle Leads to Godly Living

Preacher: Ps Jacob Lim

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

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible text/s, quietly or aloud)

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text/s)

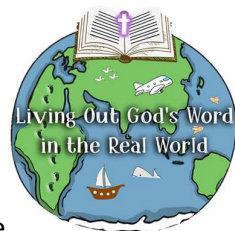
1. How would the Babylonian king's food and wine defile Daniel? (some possible deductions: see Leviticus 11, Acts 15:29 on key Jewish dietary prohibitions and also consider the intention behind the Babylonian cultural assimilation program.)

2. God delivered Jehoiakim into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar (v2) and helped Daniel and his friends in the ungodly land (vv9, 17). What does this tell us about God? (cf. Daniel 2:20-23)

3. Daniel's knowledge of God as the Sovereign One (v2) formed the basis of his principle which guided his decision making. Why do you think the other Israel's young men were not able to do likewise?

Additional question

4. Observations made on Daniel: (i) he resolved not to be defiled (v8), (ii) he respectfully asked for permission from the chief of the eunuchs (v8), (iii) he persevered despite rejection (v11), (iv) he proposed a creative suggestion to the steward (vv12-13). Which of these four qualities of Daniel appeal to you in dealing with challenging circumstances? Why?



RELATE (30 mins)

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

1. Share a challenging situation encountered by you in an ungodly culture. Have you responded/not responded in a manner that is commensurate with your knowledge of God? Elaborate.

2. "Even a small act of self-discipline, taken out of loyalty to principle, sets God's servants in the line of his approval and blessing", the preacher ends with this quote. How can we cultivate Christian self-discipline?

Pray for one another that God would grant us resolution, perseverance, wisdom etc. in dealing with challenging situations.

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)