

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



**Sermon Date: 28/06/2020**

**Text(s): Mark 5:1–43**

**Sermon Title: Desperate People**

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

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

Read the whole of Mark 5 together to refresh yourselves on the contents and contexts of this chapter.

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

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. The Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as the Servant of God. In Apostle Paul's letters, he often refers to himself as a servant of Christ Jesus. The original word for servant is *doulos* which means bondservant. It refers to someone who is bonded to his master for life. Can you see yourself as a servant of Christ? What does it mean to be a bondservant of the Lord Jesus?**
- 2. After Jesus set the demon-possessed man free, the people asked Him to leave their town because their herd of pigs was drowned by the demons. About 6000 demons were expelled. One man was restored to wholeness. But the people lost 2000 pigs and "thousands of dollars" worth of pork. If the Lord does something significant for a few brothers and sisters among us but it causes the loss of something for you at the same time, how would you react or respond?**
- 3. The woman with the bleeding issue, was not permitted by Jewish laws to be among crowds and definitely not permitted to touch anyone because everyone she touches will be classified as unclean like her. But the woman cast aside all limitations put on her and went out boldly to touch Jesus, ignoring the possibility of being punished by the religious authorities later. Would you dare to go against rules and regulations in order to reach Jesus and receive the miracle you need?**



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

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

1. **In the stories of the demon-possessed man, the woman with the bleeding problem, and Jairus, a synagogue leader, whose daughter died, we see 3 people with a desperate situation. Do you have a desperate situation today? Whether you have one now or don't have one now but had one some time back, what can we learn from these 3 stories?**
  
2. **In v34 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has made you well." In v36 Jesus said to Jairus, "Only believe." How important is having faith when we present our needs to the Lord in prayer? And how can we grow in faith in the context of Mark 5?**

### **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 for one another to have the boldness to move towards Jesus and to ask boldly in our times of need, especially in times of desperation. Pray also for one another to be determined to live in God's Word and by His Spirit on a daily basis.
  
- 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.
  
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.