PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 30/06/2019 Text/s: Revelation 21:1-8 Title: Is Heaven For Real? Preacher: Rev Lai Kai Ming (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. What is it about going to Heaven that excites you most? Share with your group.

2. Some people say that they will be very bored in heaven, because there would be no more work, no more challenges, no more goals to achieve. Do you agree? (Cf. Genesis 1 on the issue of "work" in heaven)

3. Verse 8 describes the fate of those who do not repent of their sins (e.g. lying, cowardice, sexual immorality) - the lake of fire and the second death. Does this mean that our salvation is by works and not by grace? Discuss.

RELATE (30 mins)

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



 "I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; . . . I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same". C.S. Lewis

How do we "keep alive" our desire for heaven? As a group, list different ways we can do so.

2. While we desire heaven, it is possible for us to become too concerned about what heaven will be like and to spend too much time thinking about the next world instead of carrying out our Christian duties in this world. C.S. Lewis warned against that firmly: "it is of more importance for you or me today to refrain from one sneer or to extend one charitable thought to an enemy than to know all that angels and archangels know about the mysteries of the New Creation".

Is there an "enemy" (from work, school, home, church!) in your life right now? What can you do this week to love him/her, as Jesus clearly commands us to (Matt 5:43-48).

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)