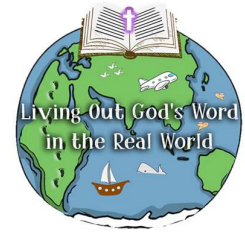


PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH
LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 14/07/2019

Text/s: Deut 6:4; Gen 2:18-24; Jn 17:20-23; Eph 4:1-7 and 16

Title: What Is Community?

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. 'The Lord is One' has been understood as One God, yet we know that God is 3 Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How do you reconcile this? Discuss.

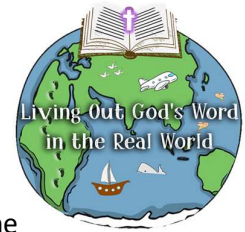
2. With reference to Gen 2:18, the preacher suggested that "man, including woman, cannot be alone, even when the presence of God is with him/her." Why do you think God emphasizes the need of community for us?

3. Larry Crabb mentioned, "The greatest need in modern civilization is the development of communities— true communities where the heart of God is home, where the humble and wise learn to shepherd those on the path behind them, where trusting strugglers lock arms with others as together they journey on." How would such a community proclaim Christ to the world (John 17:23)?

4. In Ephesians 4:16, Paul used the term 'knit together' in describing the body of Christ, i.e. community. What does this tell us about community and the role of the members? (c.f. Colossians 2:2 and 19; Psalm 139:13)

RELATE (30 mins)

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



1. John Wesley said, "‘Holy solitaires’ is a phrase no more consistent with the gospel than Holy Adulterers. The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness." Do you think your community is helping you to grow in holiness? Explain.

2. Small group is God's will for us to be in an interdependent relationship with one another. Is your life group interdependent on one another or dependent on selected person(s) only? What role can you take up to make the group interdependent?

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)