

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 1/06/2023

Text(s): Isaiah 48:16—22

Sermon Title: Images of God – Peacemaker

Preachers: Ps Isaac Tan

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

READ (5 mins)

Isaiah 48:16–22 (ESV)

16 Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there.” And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and his Spirit.

17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

18 Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea;

19 your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me.”

20 Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, “The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!”

21 They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and the water gushed out.

22 “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.”

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Some get their moments of peace from walking at the park, some get them from listening to soft and calming music. What are the ways you get your moments of peace?**
- 2. The first major point in the sermon is that peace is reconciliation with God. Peace is reconciliation with the Father. Do you agree with this point, and how do you understand this point? Is the preacher saying the moment we are reconciled to God we will have peace regardless of our circumstances?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **A good question the preacher brought up is why peace? Why does God pursue peace? What were the two explanations the preacher gave to answer this question, and how do we respond to these truths?**

2. **The final point of the sermon is that peace is neither free nor cheap. Peace is expensive. It requires payment. It requires sacrifice. How did God gain the peace He gives to us? How can we learn from God's example?**

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 monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be encouraged that we have been reconciled to the Father by Jesus our Redeemer. The hostility between us has been removed. Pray that we will come to experience God's peace everyday by spending time in His presence and obeying His word.

- Pray for our life groups and our church members to be agents of peace, to be peacemakers within the church and also outside the church as we reach out to the lost and point them to the Cross of Jesus Christ our one and only Redeemer.