

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



**Sermon Date: 19/07/2020**

**Text(s): Mark 8:1–38**

**Sermon Title: Dangerous Yeasts**

**Preacher: Rev Dr Jonathan Seet**

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

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

Do take the time to read through the whole of Mark chapter 8 to recall the words and the context.

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

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. Has anyone ever asked God for a miraculous sign to confirm His plan or direction for you? Or does anyone have a testimony of healing that was clearly a miraculous touch of the hand of the Lord Jesus?**
- 2. In Mark 8:11 the Pharisees came to argue with Jesus and to demand a sign, a miracle from Jesus to prove that He was the Messiah. It was not uncommon for people to ask any prophet sent by God to perform a miracle to authenticate their calling and appointment. However, Jesus replied in v12 saying, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” Some take that Jesus’ reply here is to show that God is against us asking for a sign or a miracle. Was Jesus really against giving the people signs and wonders to prove that He is the Messiah sent from above? Why did Jesus not show them another miracle?**
- 3. The Pharisees made up the religious authorities of the day. Their teachings had 613 laws and commandments. The 10 Commandments were only one part of their 613 commandments. If you were an Israelite living during that time, do you think you would be able to learn all the 613 commandments and the rules that came with them? If you don’t think you can do that, what would you do?**



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

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

1. **The preacher explained that the Yeast of the Pharisees symbolized the religious spirit of the religious authorities. The religious spirit says everyone must obey all the rules of the organization and no one is allowed to challenge any of the accepted norms and theology. Does this religious spirit exist in the New Testament Church? If yes, how is it seen? And what is the right way to deal with this spirit?**
  
2. **The preacher also pointed out that the Yeast of Herod symbolized the political spirit of King Herod. Herod played the political game of pleasing his Roman masters in order to have their backing, pleasing the Jews in order to gain their support, and eliminating his competitors in order to guard his position. The preacher believes this political spirit exists in the church, too. In what form can this political spirit exist in a church? And what can we do if it exist in our own church?**

### **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 be free from the religious spirit and the political spirit and to have a heart that is always open to the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit.
  
- Pray for one another to encounter Christ daily through His Word and His Spirit in order that we might become more and more like Christ.
  
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.