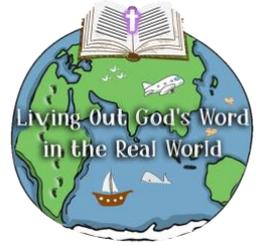


PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 09/08/2020

Text(s): Mark 10:43–45

Sermon Title: First Come, First Serve

Preacher: Rev Collin See

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

READ (5 mins)

Mark 10:43–44 (ESV)

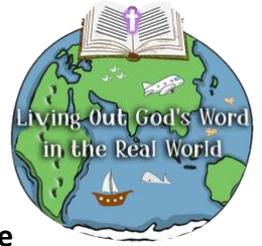
43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. This week's sermon touches on the matter of authority. It appears that bosses who lord over their subordinates and officials who flaunt their authority is a rather common thing. Why do you think this is so?**
- 2. How often do we hear someone complain about a certain authority during "coffeeshop talk"? Someone complains about his boss, while another complains about the governmental authority of the land, oftentimes zooming in on a certain minister. Why is it that we can be so quick to complain against those above us? What do you think are some possible underlying issues here?**
- 3. If you are in a position of authority right now, how do you carry out your authority? This is determined by your world view. The preacher pointed out that Jesus' view of the world is God's view which is the reverse of man's view of the world. What do you see as the world's view on authority and what would you say is God's view of authority?**



RELATE (30 mins)

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

1. **The preacher shared that the purpose of authority is to raise and build up those under our authority. As Christians, we are all under the authority of Christ Jesus. How do you understand the kind of authority Christ has over us? And how have you experienced Christ's authority as a disciple of Christ in the way He raised you up?**

2. **The authority that God has given us is meant to disciple and raise up another, especially those under our authority. Some of us have raised up children to become adults now. Some of us have raised up team or section leaders at work. Please share your experience of raising someone under your authority up to a higher level. Did you use a top-down method? Were you a lion mom or a lion dad?**

3. **Now, on the matter of greatness, we see that Jesus' view of greatness is also different from the world. If we are to use our authority to raise others up and make them great, what is the form of this greatness that we want to see? What does greatness look like in the Kingdom of God?**

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 willing to humble and lower ourselves to the level of those we have authority over in order to raise them up to greater heights.

- Pray for our church to be a community that does not care about positions, status and levels of wealth, but one that focuses on putting Jesus first.

- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.