

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 4/07/2021

Text(s): Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon Title: Waiting for Christ's Coming

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

READ (5 mins)

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

3:17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. From the text, Paul exhorted the Philippians to imitate him. What does it mean to imitate someone and how did Paul live his life that made it vital for the Philippians and Christians to imitate him?
(cf. Phil 1:20, 1 Cor 4:16, 1 Cor 11:1)**
- 2. The Bible passage tells of Paul's urgent plea to the Philippians not to walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Reflect on verses 18 and 19 and discuss the reasons why many of the Philippians choose to go down this path and what are the consequences.
(cf. Acts 5:1-11, Matt 6:24)**
- 3. In verse 21, Paul talks about transforming from lowly bodies to glorious bodies. Discuss what a lowly body represents vs a glorious body, why is this transformation important and what did Paul say that can enable this transformation.
(cf. Phil 3:3, Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 3:18)**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Who might be someone you have imitated when you were young or even now? Compare what are the similarities and differences in imitating this someone vs imitating Paul and ultimately imitating Christ.**

- 2. Share your stories of your own struggle between giving priorities to earthly things vs setting your hearts toward leading a life that is pleasing to God. Share how you have overcome this or might still need help.**

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 have the joy of the Lord whatever the circumstance, and to know Christ personally and intimately.

- *Pray for our church to be united, that we are Pentecost to our community and to the nations, that we carry the Presence of God, the Power of God through the Holy Spirit, the Peace of God and continue to fulfil the Purposes of God.*

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.