

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



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Text(s): Mark 12:18–27

Sermon Title: Life After Death

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

READ (5 mins)

Mark 12:18–27 (ESV)

18 And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying,

19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

20 There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring.

21 And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise.

22 And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died.

23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

24 Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?

25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

26 And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?

27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. The Sadducees believed in the Torah but not the other 34 books of the Old Testament. We, New Testament believers, believe in all 66 books of the Bible. What will we miss out if we ignore the 34 books of the Old Testament like the Sadducees?**
- 2. Since we are talking about the Old Testament books, anyone has a favourite Psalm or Proverb? How about we take a moment to read them together and let God’s Word refresh our hearts?**

3. **Jesus rebuked the Sadducees that they neither knew the Scriptures nor the power of God. This gives us the hint that God wants us to know the Scriptures and the power of God. How can we get to know the Scriptures and the power of God? What does it mean to know the Scriptures and the power of God?**



RELATE (30 mins)

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

1. **The preacher contrasted two mindsets that can be seen even among Christians. They are "How I feel; so I react" and "What God says; so I obey". The former is influenced by individualism and consumerism. The latter is dependent on us truly loving God and His Word. How can we move more and more from the former to the latter as growing disciples of Christ?**
2. **The preacher shared two questions with us to help us discern whether we are prioritising things that have eternal value. The two questions are "What are my priorities right now? Are they aligned with things of eternal value?" Take a moment to ponder over these questions and then share your thoughts with the group.**
3. **The final question shared by the preacher is this, "How can I arrange my life in such a way which better reflects the resurrected life to come?" All Christians believe there is life after death. In fact, the eternal life that God has for us has already started. In light of that, how or where can I make adjustments to my life now that can add to my resurrected and eternal life?**

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 refreshed in our hearts and be renewed in our minds by the Word of God so that we may truly live the resurrected life that Christ Jesus purchased for us with His blood.
- Pray for our church to be a community that reflects the priorities of the Kingdom of God, one that knows the Word and the Heart of God.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.