

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 24/07/2022**

**Text(s): Mark 1:29-39; Luke 6:12-23**

**Sermon Title: Learning to Pray**

**Preacher: Pastor Isaac Tan**

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

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

Mark 1:29–39

<sup>29</sup> And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.

<sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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

- 1. In your prayer life, what do you mostly talk to God about? What do you find easy or difficult about prayer?**
  
- 2. In Mark 1, Jesus spent time in prayer in the morning to receive the direction God wanted Him to take. Share a time in your Christian faith where you received a clear direction from God. How do you respond and is it hard to obey at times? If you have not received any direction from God before, what could be the possible roadblocks?**

- 3. The preacher shared that prayer is tangible, directional and missional. Prayer is tangible because it connects us with God; directional because He directs us towards His will; missional because it gives us the purpose in all that He calls us to do. What should be your expectation when you approach God in prayer?**

**REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

- 1. What does a good prayer life look like to you? Share one way you would like to grow in your prayer and your relationship with God.**
  
- 2. Do you subscribe to the idea that God is good only when your prayer is answered? Are you experiencing any unanswered responses to any specific prayers at the moment? How should you respond?**

**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 willing to prioritise time with God and allow him to speak to us and direct our will to be aligned with His.
- Pray for our church to have the desire to come together as a corporate body and seek the face of God.
- Pray for the MCS to provide clear direction in the midst of different challenges faced by Singaporeans, and to stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus in Singapore and the world.