

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 21/08/2022

Text(s): John 13:1-17

Sermon Title: Learning to Serve

Preacher: Pastor Isaac Tan

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

READ (5 mins)

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. For those who have served before or are still serving, could you share one rewarding and one challenging moment you experienced?**

2. The preacher pointed out that Jesus as the Greater washes the feet of the disciples who are the lesser. This is contrary to our society whereby the poor are seen as the weaker ones having to serve the rich. Taking Jesus as the role model, a disciple is commanded to serve. Do you think such an approach sits well in our society? Why or why not?

3. The preacher shared about his Christmas outreach experience on how upset he was when the curry, which he took a whole day to prepare, was received by a guy who made insensitive remarks about women. Do you have similar experiences thinking that someone does not deserve to be treated kindly or feeling that you are being taken advantage of? What attitude should we have when we serve others?

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. Even though service is a command, it requires a response from the disciple. To consider what are the areas within the church you can serve in, you may need to identify your passions, giftings and availability. Share in your group the 3 considerations mentioned and explore what ministries you could potentially participate in.

Note that: Ministry opportunities are available on the church website.

2. Serving is not limited to only within the church ministry. It extends to your daily life, such as family, workplace, school, etc. What are some areas that you could work on to serve your family members or colleagues or classmates?

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 experience God's love and to discern where God is directing in the areas of service.
- Pray for our church to have the wisdom to come together as a corporate body and explore areas we can serve our neighbourhood.
- 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.