

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 03/10/2021**

**Text(s): 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

**Sermon Title: The Hope and Comfort of His Return**

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

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

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (TNIV)**

**13** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

**14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

**15** According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

**16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

**18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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

- 1. Let's review the 5 Rapture models one by one (LG leader will recap).**
- 2. Which of the 5 views do you agree with? Whichever view you adopt, what are the 3 things we can all agree on?**

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

- 1. What is the point of it all, for Apostle Paul to teach the Thessalonians about the Rapture and for the preacher to explain the different views? And how do we ensure we will receive what we are supposed to receive?**

2. **What will determine whether we are encouraged or distressed by the thought that Christ is returning soon and when he actually returns?**

**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 receive comfort and encouragement from the Holy Spirit and from the knowledge that Christ is returning soon.
- Pray for our church to always be ready for the return of the Lord by living in holiness and purity and to know how to point others to Jesus in simple and meaningful ways.
- 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.