

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 16/10/2022

Text(s): John 4:20-24

Sermon Title: The Heart of Worship

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

READ (5 mins)

John 4:20–24 (ESV)

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

21 Jesus said to her, “**Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.**

22 **You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.**

23 **But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.**

24 **God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher said we are often distracted by the sacred cows of worship. What are some of these sacred cows? See how many you can list.**
- 2. What do we do with all these sacred cows in the modern church? Should we stop using liturgy, stop employing rituals, and maybe even stop singing altogether? Discuss this and share your thoughts.**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. Jesus said those who worship God must worship in spirit. What does it mean to worship in spirit and how do we get to the point of worshipping in spirit? Furthermore, how can we tell if we are truly worshipping God in spirit?**
- 2. Worshipping in the spirit is also worshipping in truth. Why is truth important in the worship of God?**

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 truthful with ourselves concerning the attitudes of our heart so that we may truly worship in spirit and in truth.
- Pray for our church to be a people who love the Presence of God so much that we would be willing to submit all that is in our being to God and to allow Him to convict and correct us when necessary.
- 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.