

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): 1 Corinthians 2:6-3:9

Sermon Title: What Should A Church With God' Presence Look Like?

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

READ (5 mins)

1 Corinthians 2:6–16 (NLT)

6 Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten.

7 No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began.

8 But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord.

9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.

11 No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit.

12 And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths.

14 But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.

16 For, “Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?” But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:1–9 (NLT)

1 Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn’t talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ.

2 I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren’t ready for anything stronger. And you still aren’t ready,

3 for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn’t that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren’t you living like people of the world?

4 When one of you says, “I am a follower of Paul,” and another says, “I follow Apollos,” aren’t you acting just like people of the world?

5 After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God’s servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us.

6 I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.

7 It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow.

8 The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.

9 For we are both God’s workers. And you are God’s field. You are God’s building.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. A church with God’s presence will have spiritual people in it. What is a spiritual person and what is a spiritual conversation? How can we have more spiritual conversations among ourselves and how can we grow as spiritual people?**
- 2. A church with God’s presence will sin no more and will not deceive themselves into thinking that they are spiritual when they are not. How can we check ourselves to ensure that we are not living in sin and are not deceived in the context of the Bible passage for today’s sermon?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. A church with God’s presence recognizes that we are the Spirit’s Temple and that we are very precious to God. How should we treat one another since we are the Temple of God and are precious to God?**
- 2. A church with God’s presence has people who are willing to be stubborn fools for Christ. What do we need to watch out for as we mature as Christians?**

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 determined to be a spiritual people speaking spiritual truths with spiritual words by paying attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us as individuals.
- Pray for our church to be a people who will resolve to serve God with the same purpose and to glorify God together as one body of Christ.
- 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.