

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 20/11/2022**

**Text(s): 1 Corinthians 8-11:1**

**Sermon Title: Same, Same. But Different.**

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

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

#### **1 Corinthians 10:23–33 (NLT)**

**23** You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is beneficial.

**24** Don’t be concerned for your own good but for the good of others.

**25** So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience.

**26** For “the earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it.”

**27** If someone who isn’t a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience.

**28** (But suppose someone tells you, “This meat was offered to an idol.” Don’t eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you.

**29** It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks?

**30** If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, why should I be condemned for eating it?

**31** So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**32** Don’t give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God.

**33** I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don’t just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

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

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

- 1. Same, same, but different. The Christians at Corinth were same as the Christians in other cities, but they were also different. One obvious difference was that there were factions at the Corinthian church. Why did Paul address the issue of faction in the church? Why couldn’t he just let them be? Discuss whether Paul should have left them alone. Then think of some possible scenarios if we let factions fester in our own church.**
- 2. Another major issue at the Corinthian church was the issue of Christians eating meat offered to idols. How did this issue arise? Do we have a similar situation today? Firstly, is meat offered to idols contaminated meat (and in relation to this, is it wrong to eat meat that was already offered to idols)?**

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

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

1. **Does it build or puff up? This question brings us to look deeper at the issue of eating meat offered to idols. What does it mean to be puffed up? How can Christians get puffed up? How can we avoid getting puffed up?**
  
2. **Does it unite or separate? How can we avoid causing separation and division in the church? How can we help promote unity among ourselves in the context of our life group and in the context of the church?**
  
3. **Does it cultivate or violate? Firstly, how can we avoid violating people's conscience? Secondly, how can we cultivate a heart that seeks to glorify God alone?**

### **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 have the desire to live by the principle of love in order to build others up and pursue unity in the church.
  
- Pray for our church to be a people who will live by the principle of purpose in order to save as many as we can and glorify God and God alone.
  
- 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.