

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 27/11/2022**

**Text(s): Matthew 2:1—12; Luke 2:25—35**

**Sermon Title: Where Are You Looking?**

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

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

#### **Matthew 2:1—12 (NKJV)**

**1** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

**2** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

**3** When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

**4** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

**5** So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

**6** *'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'* "

**7** Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

**8** And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

**9** When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

**10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

**11** And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**12** Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

#### **Luke 2:25—35 (NKJV)**

**25** And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

**26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

**27** So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

**28** he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

**29** "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

**30** For my eyes have seen Your salvation

**31** Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

**32** A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”  
**33** And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.  
**34** Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against  
**35** (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

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

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

- 1. Herod was a wicked man. Totally opposite to that was Simeon who was a just and devout man. He was eagerly waiting for the appearing of the Messiah. And the Holy Spirit was upon him. How would you explain the character and behavior of someone who is just and devout?**
- 2. Those who look for Jesus will see him. Those who see him will worship him. Those who worship him will be transformed. Share how you came to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If you have been a believer for some time, why do you continue to be one? Why do you continue to worship Christ? Share also how you have changed since becoming a believer.**

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

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

- 1. You may be a person like Simeon who would search the scriptures diligently and obey what God says to you. In response to God’s love for us, how can we share the good news of salvation as Jesus had commanded us to do so?**
- 2. Those who search for God will experience transformation. If we do not experience personal transformation, what could be some reasons for that?**

### **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 always long to see Jesus, worship Him and be transformed to be like Him more and more as each year passes.
- Pray for our church to be a people who will love others in practical ways, seeking not to acquire merely information about God but skills in faith.
- 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.