

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 11/12/2022

Text(s): John 1:1—13

Sermon Title: The True Light

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

READ (5 mins)

John 1:1–16 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ”)

16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Jesus is the light of men. A light that is not dependent on seasons or circumstance. We are here looking forward to Christmas. However, a few weeks after Christmas, many will forget that there was even a Christmas Day. What can we do to help us remember why we celebrate Christmas in the first place?**

2. **The Light is still shining. It is in the present tense. The darkness has not overcome it. This is in the past tense. What difference does this make for us Christians? How did the preacher explain the importance of the two different tenses?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **If we have enjoyed the light of Christ and have been blessed by Him, what is the right response as followers of Christ? Discuss how we can live this out in our context.**
2. **How can we experience more and more of the light of Christ? How can we enjoy more and more of the life of Christ? Discuss also if it is possible for us as God's people to reject the light of Christ.**

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 lovers of the light of Christ and have a strong desire to reflect that light to the world around us.
- Pray for our church to be a people who will enter into the light of Christ daily, and thereby, live in His truth.
- 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.