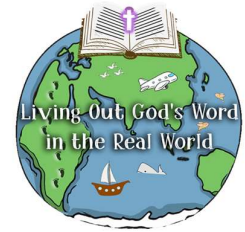


PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH
LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 17/2/19

Text/s: Job 19:25-27

Title: The Redeemer of Names

Preacher: Priscilla Solomon

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

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible text/s, quietly or aloud)

REFLECT (20 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text/s)

1. Job received unhelpful counsel from his three friends. What are some well-meaning but unhelpful words that Christians have heard or spoken to others who are suffering? What are some of the assumptions or implications underscoring these words that render them unhelpful to the sufferer?

2. Of the three questions: 'Where was God?', 'Why does evil prosper?' and 'Why me?', which one presents the greatest test of faith? How would you attempt to answer the question that you have chosen? (cf. God: Isaiah 43:2, 53:3-4; Evil: Romans 5:12, 7:19-21, 1 John 5:19; Man: Matthew 5:45, 1 Peter 4:12-13, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

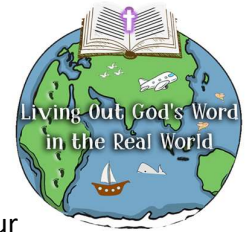
3. God did not reveal to Job the reason behind his suffering but took him on a virtual tour of creation. Job repented and submitted to God. Why do you think there was a change of heart in Job? (cf. Job 38:33-41, 40:6-14) Hint: the activities of God are intricately linked to his Personhood and attributes.

Additional question:

4. Consider Satan's question in Job 1:9-10. Is there some truth in his claim that human relationship with God is somewhat utilitarian? If the consequence of that relationship is not blessing but innocent suffering or if God does not meet expectations, how would some Christians react? What should be the basis of the Christian's conviction to continue trusting God? (cf. Psalm 13, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Revelation 21:4)

RELATE (20 mins)

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



1. Share one instance of innocent suffering you have witnessed in your family, workplace and community, and in the world. What are the practical steps you can take to help that person(s)? Pray for that person(s) and ask God for wisdom.
2. Job was an upright and God-fearing man but trials still came his way. Have you had a similar experience? If yes, has it drawn you closer to or driven you away from God? If the former, in what ways have you continued growing in the Lord? If the latter, what can you or the family of faith do to help mend the relationship?

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 weekly guide)