

## **PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT” GUIDE**

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Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Title: For Your Own Good

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Series: Hear and Remember

**[For Group Leaders:** The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

### **1. SERMON RECAP**

*(Visit [pmc.org.sg](http://pmc.org.sg) to listen to the sermon and download a copy of the Powerpoint slides)*

- a. For your own good, God sets His requirements for His people.
- b. Key points for the Mind, Heart, and Will:
  - i. Mind – We need to be in awe of God so that we will fear Him and follow His commands.
  - ii. Heart – Even though God is the Lord of everything, He loves us. He wants us to circumcise our hearts to love Him alone.
  - iii. Will – Are you ready to “break” your own will and let the will of God rule over you, so that you can learn to serve *others*?

### **2. LIVE IT OUT**

- a. The following are some descriptions of our God in this passage: Affectionate – Great & Mighty – Impartial – Caring for the underprivileged.
  - > What kind of God do others see in us?
  - > How accurately do we reflect our Heavenly Father in the way we treat people?
  - > Think of one or two persons who would confirm that you do treat people with respect and ompassion.
- b. We are to love foreigners in our midst, for our God shows no partiality and loves them lavishly.
  - > Name 2 foreigners you interact with regularly.

(If you don't have any names, maybe it's time to reflect on why this is so)

  - > What can you do this week to let these 2 persons experience the gracious and generous God we serve?

- c. What correlation do you see between the sermon's key points on "mind, heart and will" and Deut. 10:16 "*Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer*"?  
> Discuss in your group: Why is it so difficult for God's people to remain consistently obedient throughout their life? Ask some volunteers to share their experiences and struggles.

### 3. **PRAY**

- a. The heart of the matter is often a matter of the heart. Is your heart full of love and gratitude to the One who sent His Son to die for you and longs to draw near to you? Can you truly say that you love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?  
> Take some time to pray for each other, that we will be filled with God's love – which is the *starting point* for loving God.
- b. As a group, pray for our sisters and brothers in City Harvest Church, as they go through a time of trials and testing. Pray for our Father's lovingkindness and peace to surround them, and for CHC to emerge stronger and more effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.

### 4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Deut. 10:12-13, " ... for your own good? ", is coined as a question.  
> Why do you think this is so?  
> What is the 'good' referred to here?

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