

## **PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT” GUIDE**

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Text: Deuteronomy 4:1-8

Title: The Wow Factor

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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**

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- a. **Hear** the Word of God and Remember who God is (v1)
  - “Remember”: to act according to what we know of God.
- b. Be **faithful** to the Word of God (v2-4)
  - Do not add or subtract from God’s commands.
- c. **Wowed** by the Word of God (v5-8)
  - Wow factor:
    - (1) Presence of God among His people (v7)
    - (2) Righteous laws (v8)

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

- a. As a group, read aloud Deut 4:1-8 at least two times, in different Bible translations.
  - Share with each other briefly what is one thought that strikes you most?
- b. Break into smaller groups and discuss the “Wow” factor that was supposed to be characteristic of Israel, i.e. God’s Presence, and His gift of righteous laws.
  - Do people around us, be it at home, work, or school, see the Wow factor in us?
  - How can we live this week to better represent God in our workplace? (cf. Matt 5:16)
- c. Share an episode where you
  - were tempted to be 'selective' in interpreting the laws of God to suit your desires, or had imposed your personal opinion (as “biblical truth”) on others.
  - Would you consider this as a case of adding or subtracting from the word of God (v2)? Why, or why not?

3. **PRAY**

- a. Pray for one another that we may have a deep experience of God as we journey through Deuteronomy in the next 12 weeks.
- b. Pray for our witness for God, that we might
  - overcome our tendency to remain as a "low key Christian" in the marketplace, school and/or public places;
  - overcome our fear of testifying to God's presence and work in our everyday encounters with people;
  - speak up when we observe cases of injustice, dishonesty, exploitation ... so that God's righteous laws would be upheld.

4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Take some time to read through Deuteronomy Chapters 1-3 to gain a better context for the book. Reflect on why God had to discipline Israel and deny her "pioneer generation" entry into the Promised Land.
- b. In preparation for SG50 and our National Day, reflect on how Singapore might fulfill our Antioch Calling through the living out of God's righteous laws, and welcoming His Presence into all areas of society (i.e. Arts, Entertainment, Education, Government. Business, etc.)

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