

PMC SERMON "LIVE IT OUT" GUIDE

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Title: Do Not Forget

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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 to listen to the sermon and download a copy of the Powerpoint slides)

- a. What is "forget"?
 - Choosing to ignore Who God is, and What He says.
- b. What we forget?
 - Who gave us all we have?
 - Who helped us through difficult and trying times?
- c. Why we forget?
 - A life of comfort, leading to a lifted heart.
- d. What if we forget?
 - Idolatry and self-destruction.

2. LIVE IT OUT

- a. What 'lifestyle' am I currently pursuing? Does it promote or hinder my spiritual life? What adjustments should I make to help me and my family be more appreciative of God's blessings, lest I forget. (Consider the following areas: Possession, Prosperity, Pleasure, Popularity, Power)
- b. Hoarding is a sure sign of idolatry! What is one thing you can do or give away right now to remind you that everything you have belongs to God?
- c. For those of us out in the working world, the biggest thing we forget is who we are serving. Very often, we bow down to false idols unknowingly and without even flinching, dulled by "what everyone else is doing". Take a moment this week to reflect and ask yourself if all your striving is aligned to God's will or merely chasing false gods?

For Life Groups:

- d. As a group, take 5 mins to recall some key experiences that touched you deeply, which remind you of His love and faithfulness in your life. Choose one and share with the group.
- e. Break into groups of 2-3. Share with each other which one of the 10 commandments (Deut. 5) you find most difficult to follow. Attempt to share why it is so difficult.
> Pray for one another.

3. **REFLECT AND PRAY**

- a. Does my lifestyle reflect my self-sufficiency at most times until I hit a crisis? Do I often crave for a miracle to rekindle my faith in God? Have I unconsciously reduced my Creator to a "God of the gaps"- to fill in the missing gaps in my life?

Take some time to reflect on the above, and ask God to help you follow, serve, and worship Him only. (Deut 8:19)

- b. As a group, pray for our nation, Singapore.

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." 1 Tim 2:1-2

4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Moses tells us in Deut 8:16 that God "fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end". Share with one another your understanding of these words. (cf. v14)
