**PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT” GUIDE** Date: 13 March 2016

Text: Romans 4:9-22

Title: The Father of Faith

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Series: Justified by Faith

[**For Group Leaders**:

- The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to edit and adapt.

- You are strongly encouraged to allow members to share using the POP Journal (4Rs) at the beginning of your group time. This would deepen your fellowship and enrich everyone in the Word.

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| 1. **SERMON RECAP**  *(Visit pmc.org.sg to listen to the sermon and download a copy of the Powerpoint slides)*   1. It was the quality of FAITH in Abraham that God approved and 'marked' with the seal of circumcision.  The shared DNA of Abraham's children is FAITH. 2. Jews & Gentiles are like a lump of clay.  It will take an act of God to change them to diamonds.  God acts in response to faith. 3. You are a diamond in God's eye even if you don't see it yet.    * Don't disregard another's worth.    * Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees, i.e. doctrines and traditions of men.  It is never equivalent to God's Truth.    * Cooperate with the Holy Spirit, the Master Craftsman who will present us flawless!   2. **LIVE IT OUT**  “A strong faith in a weak bridge will not bridge a gulf, but a weak faith in a strong bridge will get you to the other side.” Paul E. Little   1. What are some difficult situations in life that you find hard to trust God entirely?  How does Abraham’s example help you?   >> Divide into groups of 3 or 4 to share.   1. List some areas that you need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit so that you can be presented flawless before the Lord on that Day.   >> Share with your group and pray for each other right now.   1. Reflect on someone that God might have put in your path this season. In what way(s) do you see an unpolished diamond in that person? What can you say or do to let the person know he/she is God’s valuable child?   Write his/her name here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Commit to pray for this person in the coming week.  At an appropriate time, do what you need to do for this unfinished diamond.  3. **PRAY**  *Please refer to the PMC Mobile App, “MyPMC”, for our weekly prayer guide. [Click on “PRAY”, then “Let’s Pray”]*  4. **GOING DEEPER**   1. Explore the meaning of circumcision.  How is it similar to or different from the New Testament practice of baptism?   Why is it important to be baptized, even though one claims that he/she already has "faith"?  Isn't faith *alone* sufficient for salvation? |  |

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