

## **PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT” GUIDE**

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Text: Psalm 1

Title: Rethinking Success

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Series: Shining Like Stars

**[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. God promises success to those who choose the way of the righteous.
- b. God’s measure of success is different from that of the world.
- c. God is more concern about our relationships (with Him and others) than our achievements and accolades.
- d. Three things Psalm 1 reveal about God’s idea of success:
  - i. His eyes are on those who choose to hang out with the right people;
  - ii. His face shines upon those who delight in His teachings and obey His word;
  - iii. His strength follows those who are moving on to spiritual maturity and bearing fruits.

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

- a. Pastor Chin Nam asked the following questions during the message. Share with each other your response.
  - i. What are you planning to do with your family during the PMC family month and school holidays?
  - ii. What does the life of Mr Andrew Chan reveal about our own life in the eyes of God?
- b. Do this exercise together with your spouse, LG member, or someone whom you spend lots of time with.
  - i. List down 5 values that matter most in your life.
  - ii. Discuss how are these values reflected in key activities in your life?
  - iii. How do all these sync with God's purposes for you and your family?

- c. The Psalmist tells us that the blessed man delights in God's law. However, in our "I, me, myself, and now" society, it is easy to seek satisfaction in places/persons other than God. Where do you find satisfaction and pleasure in? What fulfills your longings and desires? Is it time for repentance and change?

### 3. REFLECT AND PRAY

- a. Do the people we hang out with delight in God's law and encourage you to do the same? Is the Lord calling us to stop "yoking" with certain acquaintances (2 Cor 6:14)?
- b. How do you define success in your own life? If you have been successful, to whom or what do people attribute your success?
- c. Pray this prayer as a group:

*"Lord Jesus, grant us the desire to live a life that has a positive effect on others, one which helps them to experience success in you. From the Psalmist, we have learned that the only way to do that is to set aside time to receive your Word into our heart each day. Teach us to meditate on your instructions by engaging in the thought of, contemplating, and reflecting upon You. When your Word dwells in us, it will guide us to live the fruitful and prosperous life the Psalmist describes. All glory be unto you, O Lord. Amen."*

### 4. GOING DEEPER

- a. Consider the life and achievements of King Solomon (1 Kings 10). Would you consider him a successful person?
- b. Read the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21). Why was this man called a fool?

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