

PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT” GUIDE

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Text: Mark 1:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Title: The God Whose Gospel I love

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Series: The Gospel I Love

[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. God is love. He has Good News for everyone.
- b. Jesus is God. He is the Good News in person.
- c. 3 reasons we tell people about the Good News: we love Jesus, love others and are eager to pass it on.
- d. 2 helpful tips to share the Good News: Begin with people’s needs, hurts & interests and strengthen your prayer life.

2. LIVE IT OUT

- a. Consider the following action points shared by Pastor Chin Nam last week. Which ones could you commit to doing this week? Share with each other.
 - i. Show genuine interest in others through active listening
 - ii. Sign up for class on "How to Pray and Intercede"
 - iii. Send postcards (provided for the sermon series) to at least two persons this week
 - iv. Pray for person/s you want to share the Good News with.
 - v. Pray for people coming to “You’re Special” Banquet
 - vi. Pray and ask God to grant you wisdom and boldness to share the Good News with others.
- b. “Jesus is Good News - for the poor, He makes them rich; for imprisoned He frees them; for the blind, He makes them see; for the wounded, He heals them.” Luke 4:18
 - i. Share with one another in what way Jesus is Good News **for you**.
- c. We began this sermon series by identifying a specific person we could share the Gospel with this year.
 - i. Share with one another the progress of this relationship, and his/her felt need.
 - ii. What have we done to understand their needs and concerns better?

- iii. Give suggestions to one another as to how the Good News could be relevant to this person in his/her particular season of life.
- iv. Once again, lift up these persons by name to God in prayer – that their eyes might be opened to the light of God’s love and truth.

3. **PRAY**

- a. Is the Gospel truly good news for us? If so, why aren't we sharing it? Take some time to reflect on the reason/s why we are reluctant to be a witness for Christ.
- b. As a group, commit to sharing Christ with one person this coming CNY.
 - i. Take a few minutes to pray and ask God for a name.
 - ii. Share the name with the group.
 - iii. Say a little more about each name given, e.g. colleague, relative, single parent, freethinker ... etc.
 - iv. As a group, pray through these names and ask God for opportunities to share the Gospel with each one.

4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Philippians 2:3-4 encourages us to “value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” How can this verse help us to overcome our hesitations and reservations, so that we can share the Gospel boldly with pre-believers?
- b. How can we share the Gospel with people who seem to be living a very happy and fulfilled life, and therefore do not seem to need God? Is there any other way to share the Gospel besides talking about sin, judgment, healing ... etc.?
