

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH
LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



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Text(s): Numbers 5:1 – 4

Title: Clean and Unclean

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(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

Numbers 5:1–4 (ESV)

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead.

3 You shall put out both male and female, putting them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell.”

4 And the people of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD said to Moses, so the people of Israel did.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1.** In Exodus 19:6, God says to the Israelites they are to be a holy nation because He is a holy God. But what is holiness? The preacher shared that holiness can only come from God and that there are degrees of holiness. On earth, we feel the heat when the temperature soars to 34 degrees Celsius and we see a scorching sun above us. But the temperature of the sun’s core can reach up to 15 million degrees Celsius. What thoughts come to your mind realising that there can be degrees of holiness?
- 2.** Objects consecrated for worship is holy, meaning they are set apart solely for God’s use in a specific way. Ethical holiness, however, is about the character of God. Which is more important to us, that we are set apart for God’s use or that we are an ethical people because God is ethical in His ways?
- 3.** Holiness is the normal way to live. Sinning is abnormal. What makes us holy is first, by putting our faith in Christ Jesus as our Saviour, by submitting ourselves to God, and allowing Him to change our hearts. Have we truly submitted our lives to Christ in every way and not only in some ways? What do you think will happen if we pick and choose which areas of our lives to submit to God and which areas to hold back from submitting to God?

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)



- 1. Today, God does not dwell in a Tabernacle but in us, His people. Under the Old Covenant, the unclean had to be separated and put out of the Camp. Under the New Covenant, the unclean can be made clean in Christ. The unclean shall be made clean by the way of the Son. Whether you are a Christian or not, have you recently felt the need to have a new beginning, to start the New Year on a clean sheet of paper? What is one area you'd like to start anew?**
- 2. Was there a time when you actually destroyed something that was unclean or unholy? Or how about stopping a certain hobby or lifestyle because you realized it was a damaging hobby or lifestyle and that it was affecting you negatively?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be given the strength to live holy lives, having the strength to live obedient lives that are in line with God's Word.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support.
- Remember to pray for our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.