

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 27/03/2022

Text(s): Nehemiah 4

Sermon Title: Opposition! Criticisms!

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

READ (5 mins)

Take the time and read the whole of Nehemiah chapter 4 together in your own bibles.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. All of us have faced opposition and criticism before. But when are they most frightening? Which was the most distressing time you have ever had facing opposition and criticism?**
- 2. In the sermon we heard how Sanballat and Tobiah mocked and insulted Nehemiah and the Jews. How do mocking and insults hurt us? Even if we cannot completely avoid being hurt by them, can we do something to reduce the pain?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. As God's children, we are not a helpless people. What did Nehemiah do and did not do when he was unfairly criticized? Why is it important we follow Nehemiah's example when we are criticized and mocked?**
- 2. How else did Nehemiah respond to the situation? What principle can we draw out from the way Nehemiah handled the opposition and threats?**

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 monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to have God's strength to face opposition and criticism, knowing that God is with us and we don't need to face anything alone.
- Pray for our church to be a people who will be quick to go to God in prayer and bring all our struggles to Him and to look to God for wisdom and direction.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and to stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.