

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Luke 10:1–9, 17–20

Sermon Title: Changing Spiritual Atmosphere

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

READ (5 mins)

Luke 10:1–9 (NKJV)

1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

2 Then He said to them, *“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

3 *Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.*

4 *Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.*

5 *But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’*

6 *And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.*

7 *And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.*

8 *Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.*

9 *And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’*

Luke 10:17–20 (NKJV)

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

18 And He said to them, *“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

19 *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

20 *Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1.** Sometimes we hear people say on a particular day the atmosphere at the office was very tense. Going home after work brings relief when the atmosphere at home is one that is relaxed. What do you usually do when you find a certain atmosphere is tense, whether at work or at home?

2. **Jesus encountered tense or negative atmospheres frequently because the Pharisees and the Sadducees often opposed Him. The 12 disciples also behaved in self-centered and immature ways in many occasions. What do we do if we encounter similar situations today?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **When we get to Luke 11, we see a shift in the spiritual atmosphere. From the sermon, we learned that Jesus began to go on the offensive against the Pharisees and the Scribes. What can we learn from Jesus here? How can we go on the offensive as we face our own share of opposition and negative spiritual atmospheres?**
2. **The preacher pointed to Luke 10 as the place that shows us how Jesus changed the spiritual atmosphere that we see from Luke 9 to Luke 11. He sent the disciples out in teams of two. He asked them to pray for more workers. He commissioned the disciples to bring the PRESENCE of God to the people for their healing. Discuss what are some possible positive outcomes that may arise as we obey God in these areas.**

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 find strength and courage from God's Word that says that victory over the enemy is our heritage and that the battle is ultimately the Lord's.
- Pray for our life groups and our church members to rise up to be workers for the Lord that will carry the PRESENCE of God with healing taking place as we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.