

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 19/06/2022

Text(s): Nehemiah 13:4–22

Sermon Title: Back to Square One

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

READ (5 mins)

Take the time and read **Nehemiah 13:4–22** together in your own bibles.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Nehemiah 13 brings the book to a close, but God’s people were back to square one and had to deal with fundamental issues all over again. For example, the people stopped bringing their tithes to the Temple. They neglected the Temple and ignored the needs of the priests, together with all the Levites, causing them to go into farming to feed themselves. Can you remember a situation when something was neglected and ignored, leading to certain consequences? How did it happen?**
- 2. Another matter Nehemiah had to deal with all over again was the presence of Tobiah. While Nehemiah was away, Tobiah was given a large storage room to be his home! Why was this a problem? Why couldn’t Nehemiah just close one eye and leave Tobiah to continue to stay in the Temple?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. What are some things that Christians have a tendency to neglect and why do you think these neglects continue happening? What needs to be done in order to stop these neglects from continuing?**
- 2. If Nehemiah had permitted Tobiah to remain in the Temple because he was married and related to some Jews, it would have been an act of compromise. What are some consequences that compromising our spiritual values can lead to? Discuss this.**

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 not neglect the reading of God's Word and prayer and all other spiritual things of God.
- Pray for our church to be a people who will compromise with the world or lower the standards of God but be committed to God's holy standards.
- 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.