

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Matthew 16: 13-25

Sermon Title: Learning to Believe

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

READ (5 mins)

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"^[a]

14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,^[b] the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John,^[c] because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. **18** Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'),^[d] and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell^[e] will not conquer it. **19** And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid^[f] on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit^[g] on earth will be permitted in heaven."

20 Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 From then on Jesus^[h] began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

22 But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. Jesus said to Peter,

¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'),^[a] and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

What is the significant of the word **rock** being used here? How then should we live our life, work in the market place and serve in ministries?

2. How would you respond to someone who asks you this question, "Why was there no change in my life even after I have become a Christian? What should I do?"

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 that we willing to learn to believe in God and allow His power to work in our lives.
- Pray for our church to be a people who will rise up to do great things for God based on faith and belief that comes from God's word.
- 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 in Singapore and the world.