

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Mark 16:9–19

Sermon Title: We Will...But Will We

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

READ (5 mins)

Mark 16:9–19 (NLT)

9 After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons.

10 She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened.

11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

12 Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country.

13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.

18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

19 When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. In Mark 16:16–18, Jesus used the *future indicative active mood and voice* 8 times as seen in the word *will*. Believers *will* be saved. Miraculous signs *will* accompany believers. We *will* cast out demons, *will* speak in new languages, and *will* heal the sick. We thank God that people are getting saved and baptized in our church. But why do we not also see believers cast out demons, speak in new languages and heal the sick?**
- 2. It is not uncommon to hear the comment that different believers have different gifts. Therefore, not every believer will be empowered to cast out demons, speak in tongues and heal the sick. But isn't that like saying not every person enjoys reading, so those who don't enjoy reading are exempted from reading the Bible? Those who don't enjoy serving are exempted from serving in a ministry. And those who don't enjoy talking to people are exempted from sharing the Gospel. What are your thoughts on this?**
- 3. It was mentioned that Pastor Jonathan's position with regards to the gifts of the Spirit is that *all* of us have the same Holy Spirit in full and so, *all* of us can function in *all* of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Not one of us has 3/4 of the Holy Spirit or 1/4 of the Holy Spirit. Why do some think it's not possible for every one of us to function in *all* the gifts of the Holy Spirit?**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher admitted that there was a time he only wanted to teach and preach. In his own words, teaching was a gift he could control. So he only wanted to read and study a lot to gain knowledge, and then, simply to teach. He was afraid to use the other gifts because that would mean losing control. He was too fearful to give up control to the Holy Spirit. Can you identify with him? Are you too fearful to try functioning in other gifts of the Spirit because you are afraid of losing control?**
- 2. What about the idea that we should just let those who can do it better to do it on behalf of the rest of us? For example, we let those gifted in music to be musicians in the church and those not gifted in music to serve in other ministries. Can we apply the same idea to the gifts of the Holy Spirit?**

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 have a dynamic and personal encounter with the Holy Spirit, to know Him personally and to hear His voice clearly. Pray also that we would be willing to obey the Lord Jesus to do what He said we will do—to cast out demons, speak in new languages and heal the sick.

- Pray for our church to be a community that reflects the priorities of the Kingdom of God, one that knows the Word and the Heart of God.

- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.