

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Matt 4:18-22, 17:1-8

Sermon Title: Learning to Follow

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

READ (5 mins)

Matt 4:18-22, 17:1-8 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Matt 17:1-8 (NKJV)

1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. In Matt 4:18-19, Jesus started calling His disciples by the Sea of Galilee. This appear to be counter culture at that time. The preacher mentioned that the norm was for rabbis to choose their disciples in Jerusalem. List the differences between the two, and why Jesus chose to do this.**

2. **In Matt 4:19, Jesus said, “follow me”. Based on the sermon, discuss why you would want to follow Jesus.**

3. **Matt 17:1-8 describes Jesus’ transfiguration and also Moses and Elijah talking with Him. Describe what Moses and Elijah represented according to the sermon and the significance of Matt 17:5.
(cf. Acts 1:8)**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

1. **Name someone you know or heard of that seemed unworthy or was the wrong sort but became a great disciple in the later parts of their lives after receiving Jesus as Lord. Share your own personal experience, if any, of feeling not worthy but was later led to great height through your faith in Jesus.**

2. **Share an occasion when you struggled between following the law (expectations) of the world and following Jesus. What did you eventually do or are you still struggling with it?**

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 be filled with the Holy Spirit, to have the joy of the Lord whatever the circumstance, and to know Christ personally and intimately.

- *Pray for our church to be united, that we are Pentecost to our community and to the nations, that we carry the Presence of God, the Power of God through the Holy Spirit, the Peace of God and continue to fulfil the Purposes of God.*

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.