

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 02/10/2022**

**Text(s): Acts 15:1-12; Galatians 2:11-16**

**Sermon Title: Learning To Learn**

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

### **READ (5 mins)**

#### **Acts 15:1–12 (NLT)**

**1** While Paul and Barnabas were at Antioch of Syria, some men from Judea arrived and began to teach the believers: “Unless you are circumcised as required by the law of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

**2** Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently. Finally, the church decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, accompanied by some local believers, to talk to the apostles and elders about this question.

**3** The church sent the delegates to Jerusalem, and they stopped along the way in Phoenicia and Samaria to visit the believers. They told them—much to everyone’s joy—that the Gentiles, too, were being converted.

**4** When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They reported everything God had done through them.

**5** But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, “The Gentile converts must be circumcised and required to follow the law of Moses.”

**6** So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue.

**7** At the meeting, after a long discussion, Peter stood and addressed them as follows: “Brothers, you all know that God chose me from among you some time ago to preach to the Gentiles so that they could hear the Good News and believe.

**8** God knows people’s hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us.

**9** He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith.

**10** So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear?

**11** We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.”

**12** Everyone listened quietly as Barnabas and Paul told about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

**Read also in your own Bible the second passage: Galatians 2:11-16**

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

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

- 1. Learning to learn again requires us to discard old ways. Have you discarded one old way in the last 3 years? Share one old way you discarded as you learned new things in the last 3 years.**
- 2. When we seek to learn something new, there will be those who insist that we should stay with the old ways. How would you handle gentle but persistent requests to stay with the old ways from well-meaning friends? How would you handle criticisms of the new ways from those who openly oppose you?**

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

- 1. When people criticize us or when we criticize others, they or we may unknowingly be challenging God. How can we not make the mistake of unknowingly pitting ourselves against God Himself? And what can we do if we suddenly realize that we have been challenging God by our refusal to go in a new direction?**
- 2. The preacher mentioned two factors that can stop God's people from following God's plans for them. The two factors are seeking righteousness by works and war among God's people. Do these two still happen among God's people today? What can we do to ensure they don't?**

### **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 open to learning new things and doing things in new ways.
- Pray for our church to be a people who are willing to go with the new things the Holy Spirit is leading us to as a church.
- 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.