

Title: **The Mission of Reconciliation**  
Text: **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
Date: **March 17, 2024**

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## Big Idea

As God has reconciled us to Him through Christ Jesus, He has also commissioned us to be His ambassadors in His mission of reconciliation.

### 1. God's W\_\_\_\_\_ I\_\_\_\_\_ Us: What God Has D\_\_\_\_\_ & Is Doing

We are a N\_\_\_\_\_ Creation in Christ (v.17)

We are R\_\_\_\_\_ to God T\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (vv. 18a, 19a, 21)

### 2. God's W\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ Us: What God Calls Us T\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ & D\_\_\_\_\_

We are S\_\_\_\_\_ to be S\_\_\_\_\_  
(cf. Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21)

Our I\_\_\_\_\_ as Christ's A\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18b, 19b, 20)

1) R\_\_\_\_\_ (A\_\_\_\_\_): Gospel Demonstration

2) M\_\_\_\_\_ (W\_\_\_\_\_): Gospel Proclamation



## Reflection Questions

- Why is it important to get the order correct (what God has done and what God calls us to do) in understanding and applying this passage? What happens when we get it backwards?
- How is reconciliation at the heart of the Gospel & God's mission? What does it look like for you to live out your identity and calling as an ambassador (of Christ)?
- In what ways has your heart been closed off (or perhaps even hardened) to those others (esp. those who don't know Jesus)? Why?
- What next step(s) (or areas of growth) is God perhaps calling you to in the area of outreach (re: evangelism, making disciples, serving, volunteering and/or missions)?

**Parent Corner:** What does it look like to for you to see and raise your child(ren) not just as your child(ren) but as "Christ's ambassadors"? What are some ways you can cultivate a heart of reconciliation and outreach in your child(ren)?

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## Our Mission & Values

*Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.*

**FAITH:** The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate presses our church *upwards* in love

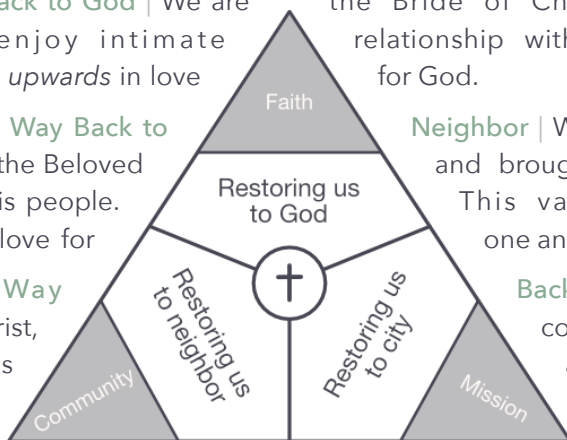
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

**COMMUNITY:** The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

**Neighbor** | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

**MISSION:** The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the

**Back to City** | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



## Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

## Announcement Spotlight

### Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun - Saturday, March 30th!

Join us at 3:00pm in the pavilion around the back of Allen at Steinbeck Elementary (follow the signs) for a time of family fun! We'll have an egg hunt (with prizes!), face painting, arts and crafts, cotton candy, and a whole lot more—all free of charge. Invite your neighbors and your friends!

Please scan the QR code below to find a link to RSVP (this will help us know how many to plan for).

Note: We are currently looking for volunteers (both youth and adult) to help with this. To learn more and sign up, scan the QR code below!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [info@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:info@mercyhillchurch.org).

### International Food Fair (Potluck) - AFTER SERVICE TODAY!

### Missions Emphasis Week - March 17-24!

### Acts 29 Global Prayer Meeting

### Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun Outreach Event - Volunteers Needed!

### Bags of Love - Donations Needed!

### All Church Prayer - Tonight!

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