

Title: **Who Are We?**  
Text: **1 Peter 1:1-2**  
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## Big Idea

One of the most important things in life is to not just know who we are—but whose we are and how we came to be. Knowing this as Christians will ground us through the storms of life and faith.

### 1. Our I\_\_\_\_\_: W\_\_\_\_\_ We Are (v. 1)

(cf. 1 Peter 2:11, Hebrews 11:13, Matthew 8:20, Deuteronomy 4:37, Acts 10:34-35, Isaiah 5:11-13, 1 Peter 2:9, 5:12)

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P\_\_\_\_\_ 's Identity: E\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Our O\_\_\_\_\_: H\_\_\_\_\_ We Came To Be (v. 2)

(cf. Romans 8:29, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 1 Peter 1:22, Romans 6:16, Exodus 24:3-8, Ezekiel 36:24-28)

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## Reflection Questions

- How do you view yourself? Who are you? What are the things you tend to draw (find) your identity from (in)? How does this passage remind and encourage you of your true identity in Christ?
- How have you experienced being an "exile"—either in general and/or as a Christian? How did that feel?
- What are your expectations of the Christian life? Do they more reflect your personal desires or the reality of what Scripture says? What are some of the difficulties you are facing in life these days?
- In what ways do you need to be reminded that the Christian faith, following Jesus, is about grace & God's work in your life? Have you turned to God in repentance and faith in Jesus? Why or why not?

**Parent Corner:** How would your child answer the question, "Who am I?" In what ways can you prepare your child(ren) to be faithful exiles in this world? What are ways you can help root your child's identity in Christ vs. in other things?

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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

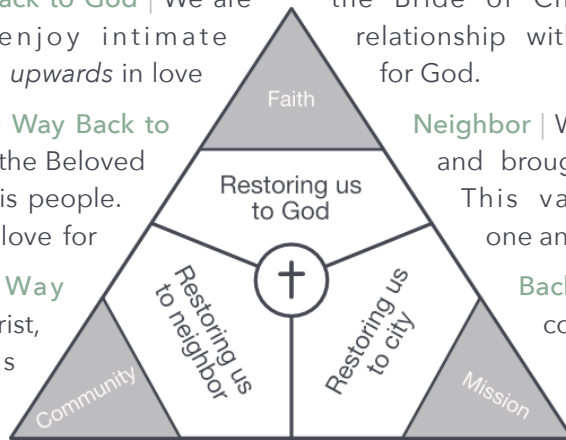
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

**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

### All Church Hangout - Today!

Meaningful community is hard to find in Silicon Valley, even in the church. Our congregation is spread out all over the city. But there is one day of every week when we all commit to gather together and worship our God: Sunday. It seems strategic to take this pre-existing momentum and work with it in an attempt to develop deeper community within our body. Therefore, on occasional Sundays throughout the year we will invite the church to enjoy picnic-style afternoons together immediately following the service.

The Plan: After service, bring or buy your lunch and join us at the tables out back for a picnic-style afternoon (we may shift inside depending on weather). We'll also open the gym for people to play in!

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

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