

Title: **Trading Places: A Privileged Position**
Text: **1 Peter 1:10-12**
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Big Idea

As Christians today we live in a privileged position in God's unfolding redemptive story—a position which the prophets (of the Old Testament) and even angels would gladly trade with us!

1. We're More Privileged Than The P_____ When It Comes to S_____ & God's P_____ of R_____ (vv. 10 - 12a)

(cf. Colossians 1:26, Luke 10:23-24, 24:25, John 1:45)

- Privileged because the prophets and people of God didn't have the f_____ (complete) p_____ -- but w_____ do! (vv. 10-11)

- Privileged because we're part of a spiritual l_____ & history which began in the OT (vv. 10-11)

- Privileged because those prophets were ultimately s_____ (ministering to) us! (v. 12a)

2. We're More Privileged Than The A_____ When It Comes to S_____ (v. 12b)

(cf. Nehemiah 9:6, Psalm 103:20, Hebrews 12:22, Luke 1:26, Matthew 22:30, Revelation 19:10, Psalm 91:11-12, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 1:14)

- Theology of Angels: M_____ & M_____ of God

- With all that angels are and can do, they can't fully k_____ (experience) the g_____ of God (the gospel)

3. ...Because of the W_____ of the H_____ S_____ (vv. 11a, 12a, 12b)



Reflection Questions

- If you could trade places with anyone at anytime, who would it be? Why?
- How does this morning's passage help you to reframe your perspective on the privileged position you have in the greater story of God's redemptive plan?
- As you reflect on this morning's passage, what does it look like for God's Word to reshape your mind (head) and your attitude/feelings (heart) as you consider the privileged position we have...ultimately in Christ?
- **Parent Corner:** What are some things from this morning's passage which you can share with your child this week? What are some ways you can teach/remind your child about the privileged position they have as a Christian today?

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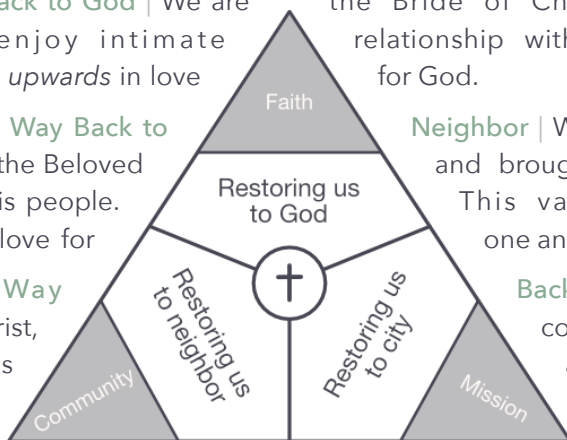
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COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

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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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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Hangout - BBQ-Style - NEXT WEEK!

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 most first Sundays throughout the year we will invite the church to enjoy picnic-style afternoons together immediately following the service.

And this next Sunday (9/1/24) is going to be special :) We'll be grilling up hot dogs and sausages (with a veggie option, if preferred)! We'll also provide fruit, chips, cookies, some drinks, etc. We'll have water balloons and other fun activities—not just for the "little" kids, but also for us "big kids" as well :) We thought this would be a fun way for us as a church family to connect and kick off the Fall together!

Please scan the QR code below and find the link to RSVP by Friday (8/30) so we can make sure we have enough food (and fun) for everyone! You can also let us know if you'd like to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. Thanks!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

Sunday Prayer Walk - Today!

CityTeam's Grace Village Apartment Renovation!

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