

Title: **New Birth, New Life**
Text: **1 Peter 1:22-2:3**
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Big Idea

As the gospel transforms our identity, it also transforms how we love, how we see things, and what we desire.

1. Our New Birth Leads to a New Kind of L_____ (1:22-23a, 2:1)

- Our new birth is a result of our r_____ in f_____ & repentance in Jesus and God's w_____ in our lives.
(cf. 1 Peter 1:2-3, Romans 1:5, 15:26, 1 Tim 2:4, Ephesians 1:13, John 14:6; 1 Peter 1:3, John 3:3-7, 2 Cor 5:17)
- Our new birth places us in a new f_____ of siblings to l_____ (and be l_____ by).
(cf. 1 John 4:7-11, Romans 12:9, 1 Tim 1:5)

2. Our New Birth Leads to a New P_____ (1:23b-25)

- ...of what is t_____ and what is t_____.
(cf. 1 Peter 1:4, 3:4; 1 Cor 9:25; Isaiah 40)

- ...f_____ and f_____ by God's Word—the Gospel.

3. Our New Birth Leads to a New L_____ (2:2-3)

- A l_____ for more of J_____, the G_____, in our lives.
(cf. Hebrews 5:12, Philippians 3:7-10)
- A l_____ for g_____ in Christ-likeness.
(cf. 1 Peter 1:13-16, Philippians 1:8-11)



Reflection Questions

- Have you been “born again”? If so, why? If not, what’s preventing you from doing so?
- As you allow Scripture and the Spirit to examine your life and heart, in what ways have you – and in what ways have you not – loved others in Mercy Hill? Are there specific areas of growth (and difficulties) for you when it comes to loving those in Mercy Hill?
- In what ways have you been *loved* by Mercy Hill?
- How have you seen the gospel shape your life, focus and perspective in life and in the day-to-day?
- What do you find yourself thinking about, longing for, these days? How has your desire for God’s Word, the things of God, and Jesus Himself been these days? Growing? Fading? Why?
- When was a time when you’ve “tasted” the goodness of the Lord? Consider sharing that experience with someone as a means of encouragement!

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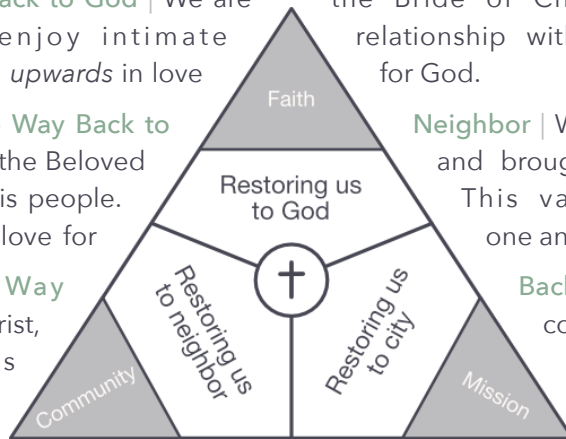
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

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 Campout - Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting our All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park! This year, it will take place over the weekend of **June 20-22**. Mark your calendars. We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. More info to come as the day gets closer!

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