

Title: **Mission**  
Text: **Nehemiah 2:1-8**  
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## Big Idea

A mission is birthed out of conviction and comes to fruition through prayer, planning and action under God's sovereignty.

### 1. Pray – C\_\_\_\_\_ to Pray (vv. 1 & 4)

(cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2, Luke 18:1)

### 2. Take Prayerful R\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8)

(cf. Luke 5:1-10, Matthew 14:29, Acts 14:19-21, 2 Timothy 1:7, Numbers 13, Joshua 1:9)

### 3. Prayerfully P\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5-8a)

(cf. James 4:13-15, Acts 15:22, Romans 15:22-29)

### 4. Acknowledge God's W\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10)

(cf. James 4:13-15, Psalm 90:17, Philippians 2:12-13)

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## Reflection Questions

- What are some things, situations or people where you've stopped praying for but perhaps need to continue in prayer for?
- When it comes to risk, are you more risk-averse or a risk-taker? Why? What about when it comes to following God and living out your faith? Are there areas of laziness, comfort or control you need to acknowledge and confess?
- Do you tend to be a planner or not? Why? How do you balance planning/working and trusting God?
- What are some situations where even though you "played a part" yet it was still clear that it was ultimately God's hand at work? How have you seen God's hand at work in and through the lives of others here at Mercy Hill?
- If you are not a Christian, what's preventing you from taking that step of faith? If you are a Christian, consider how you came to saving faith and trust in Jesus. In what ways do you see God's hand at work in leading you to Him?
- What are some areas in your personal life (and/or family) where the Lord is perhaps calling you to take prayerful risks in faith, community and/or mission?
- How does Nehemiah's life point to Jesus in this passage?

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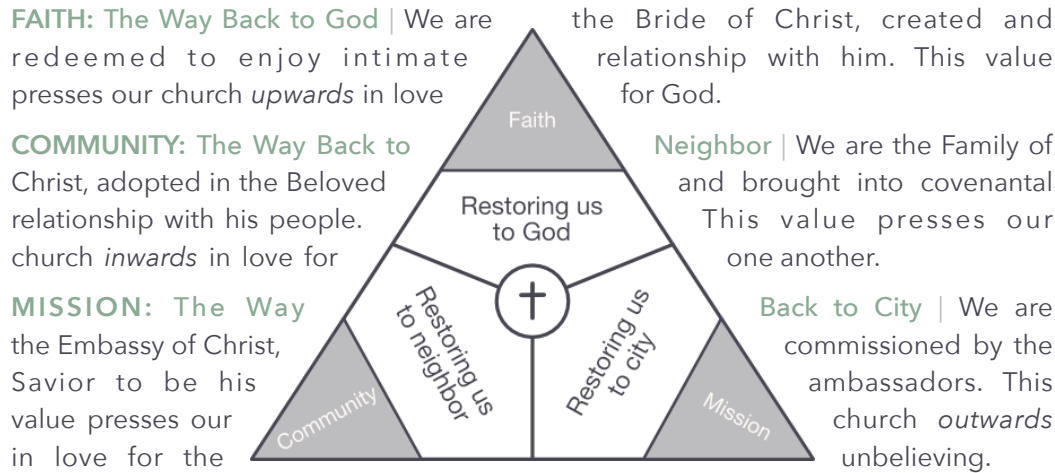


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## Our Mission & Values

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



## 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 inside. We'll set up tables in the cafeteria area off the side of the Sanctuary. We'll also have the gym to play in!

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

### All Church Prayer - Tonight!

Prayer is the start of everything good (Acts 1:14). It is the death of self-reliance and the lifeline of faith. It is the moving of our eyes outward and upward. It is the stretch of our empty hands towards a Father rich in mercy. As a church we prioritize this regular prayer meeting because of our deep-seated conviction that, while man can plant and water, it is only God who can cause the growth (1 Cor. 3:7).

This Sunday's prayer meeting will held in-person at 6:00pm at the Wilson Residence. Scan the QR code below to find more info.

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