

Title: **Preparation**
Text: **Nehemiah 2:9-20**
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Big Idea

We can faithfully and diligently follow God because He is gracious and sovereign.

1. A P_____ Inspection (vv. 11-16)

(cf. Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 1:35, 6:31; 11:11, 15-19)

Nehemiah first r_____ (v.11)

Nehemiah takes i_____ (vv. 13-15)

Nehemiah does all this q_____ (vv. 12-13, 15-16)

2. A Call to Action T_____ (vv.17-18)

(cf. Jeremiah 24:9, Mark 11:11, 15-19, 13:1-2; Luke 5:1-10; John 17:1)

Nehemiah h_____ the situation (v.17a)

Nehemiah i_____ himself (vv.17-18)

Nehemiah c_____ the people to a_____ -- now! (v.17b)

Nehemiah p_____ the people to God's w_____ (v.18)

3. The Rising O_____ (vv.9-10, 19-20)

(cf. James 3:1-12, Ephesians 4:29, Genesis 3:1-5)

The power of w_____ & the necessity and foundation of God's W_____ for faithful living



Reflection Questions

- What role does rest play in the Christian life? How have you seen Christians neglect the importance of rest (and the sabbath)?
- What are some characteristics of a good leader? What about a godly leader? In what ways is Nehemiah not just a good leader but a godly leader? What are some ways you can grow as a godly leader?
- How would you have responded to Sanballat's accusations and opposition? How do you typically respond to difficulties, challenges or frustrations as you've tried to faithfully follow Jesus? How have you experienced the power of God's Word to help you persevere in faithful obedience of God?
- How does knowing - and believing in -- the grace of God and the sovereignty of God encourage and empower you to continue to faithfully live, serve and love Him (and others)? How is Jesus' life (and death) an example and reminder of this?

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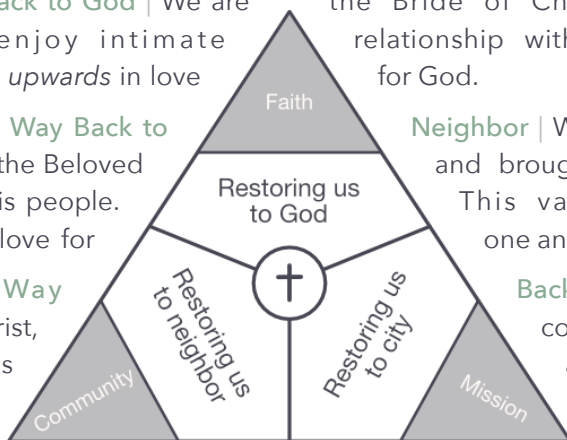
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

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

Missions Emphasis Week - March 12-19!

Our Missions Emphasis Week will be 3/12 - 3/19. We'll be kicking off the first Sunday (3/12) with a guest-speaker followed by an international potluck lunch that day along with sharing from different local ministry/outreach organizations. Potluck sign-up information will be coming soon! We hope you can join us for both Sundays (3/12 & 3/19) as we learn and grow together to be, "...witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

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

Allen at Steinbeck Volunteer Application

We have some exciting opportunities to partner and serve Allen at Steinbeck Elementary School coming up soon. In order to volunteer at any future school events, all volunteers are required by SJUSD (San Jose Unified School District) to do the following:

- Completed volunteer application (go to <https://go.sjUSD.org/volunteerapp>)
- Proof of COVID vaccination
- TB clearance
- Fingerprint/background check clearance through San José Unified

Please note that there is a 6-7 week wait for the fingerprint/background check clearance -- so if you're even remotely interested, please start the process ASAP. (Youth volunteers -- under 18 -- need to go through the process but do not need to get fingerprinted.)

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

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