

Title: **Re: Formed**  
Text: **Nehemiah 8**  
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## Big Idea

God's Word, by His Spirit, reforms our minds, our hearts and our lives, into Christ-likeness for our well-being and the glory of God!

### 1. R\_\_\_\_\_ God's Word (vv. 1-8)

(cf. Leviticus 23:23-26, Psalm 119:97-104, Acts 2:42-47)

... with a h\_\_\_\_\_ (for God's Word) (vv.1, 3)

... with h\_\_\_\_\_ (and reverence) (vv.5-6)

... with h\_\_\_\_\_ (from others) (vv.7-8)

### 2. R\_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word (vv. 9-12)

(cf. Acts 2:37)

W\_\_\_\_\_ & grieved (vv. 9-11)

R\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-12)

### 3. Responded to God's Word in O\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-18)

(cf. Leviticus 23:33-44, Matthew 7:24-27, 1 John 2:1-6)

"Legalism is pursuing good works with the i\_\_\_\_\_ of e\_\_\_\_\_ God's favor...the essence of legalism is when f\_\_\_\_\_ is not the engine of obedience." Trillia Newbell & John Piper

### Recommended Resources

- Next Steps: Walk the Sacred Path (Mercy Hill Church)
- Habits of Grace by David Mathis
- Devotionals for Children/Teens: XTB (Exploring the Bible), Engage (365), and Discover by The Good Book Company



### Reflection Questions

- Why is God's Word so important in the Christian faith/life of Christians?
- When have you personally experienced - or seen in others - a hunger for God's Word?
- In what ways is it easier for you to read and hear God's Word but not respond? In what ways is it easier to be moved or convicted by God's Word, yet not obey?
- What are some ways you can grow in God's Word -- individually and/or as a community (e.g. church, home/DNA group, marriage/family, etc.)?
- Why is the Bible so important in evangelism (and missions)?
- Parent Corner: What are some specific ways you can incorporate God's Word into the life, schedule and rhythms of your family and children as you start the new school year? Consider asking your child(ren) this week if they have any ideas!

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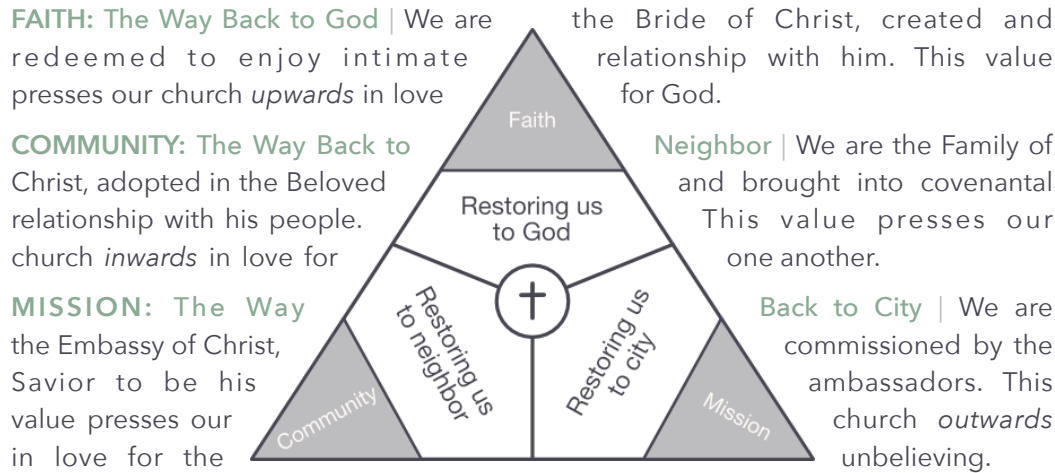


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## Our Mission & Values

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## 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 - Next Sunday (9/3)!!!

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.

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

### Mercy Hill Men's BBQ & Hangout - September 16th

Men of Mercy Hill, we've got something coming up for you! On Saturday, September 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm, we're planning to host a men's BBQ and hike at Uvas Canyon County Park (Black Oak Group Site). We'll be doing some hiking, eating (bbq!), sharing, and friendly competition (horseshoes & cornhole)! This is a great opportunity to get to meet, connect, laugh, and hang out with some of the men of Mercy Hill Church!

Please scan the QR code below and RSVP by Wednesday (9/13) so we can make sure there's enough food AND parking passes.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Paul Walton at [pwwalton@comcast.net](mailto:pwwalton@comcast.net).

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