

Title: **Rejoice!**
Text: **Nehemiah 12:27-47**
Date: **November 26, 2023**

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Big Idea

One of the marks of a healthy Christian is our joy in Christ and our thanksgiving to the Lord. This (internal) joy is reflected (externally) in our generosity as God's people and our witness to the world!

1. D _____: Joy in C _____ (v.27a)

(cf. Leviticus 23:9-14, 15, 42-43)

2. P _____: Joy in P _____ (v.30)

(cf. Exodus 19:10-15, 2 Chronicles 28:21-25, 29:3-24, Psalm 19:8)

3. P _____: Joy in T _____ (vv.27-44)

(cf. Psalm 133:1, Philippians 2:2, Romans 15:6, Acts 4:32)

U _____ of God's People

H _____ of Nehemiah

4. C _____: Joy in G _____ (vv.43-47)

(cf. Psalm 107:22, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 9:6-7)

5. P _____: Joy in W _____ (v.43)

(cf. Philippians 1:12-18, Psalm 33:21)

6. F _____: Joy in and from J _____

(cf. Psalm 33:21, 1 Peter 1:8, Hebrews 12:2)



Reflection Questions

- Do you tend to be a glass half-empty or half-full type of person? How does that influence your propensity to be joyful and thankful? What are some the ways you personally express your joy or thanksgiving?
- In the midst of the busyness of life, why is it important to celebrate/commemorate?
- What's the connection between thanksgiving (gratefulness) and giving (generosity)? In what ways have you seen one lead to the other - in your own life or in others?
- How does keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus keep our hearts filled with gratitude and with joy?
- In what ways does your joy (or lack thereof) in the Lord serve as a witness of the gospel in your life to others?

Parent Corner: What are some ways you can foster a culture of thanksgiving and joy in your home -- and how might you be a better example of that to your child(ren)?

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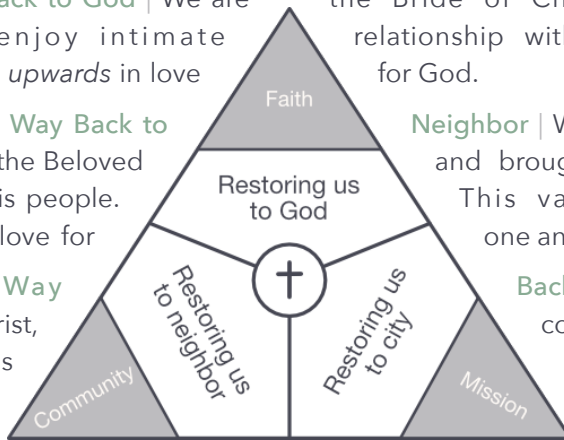
FAITH: The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate presses our church *upwards* in love

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 Appreciation Lunch - 12/3/23

Mercy Hill has so many wonderful people who keep all the various dimensions of our ministry thriving and fruitful. And we want to appreciate them! So immediately following the service on Sunday, December 3rd, we are planning to have a special all church lunch (think Pizza My Heart pizza party, with salad, dessert, etc.) as a way of saying thanks. The whole church is invited to stay after and participate as we look to particularly appreciate those who have served in various capacities throughout this last year. We hope you can join us!

Please scan the QR code below to find a link to RSVP.

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

Holiday Gift Baskets for Allen School Families!

Ladies Christmas Tea!

Covenant Membership Class - 12/10/23

Sunday Prayer Walk - Today!

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Prayer Village Sign Up!

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