

Title: **Return**
Text: **Nehemiah 9**
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Big Idea

When we see God for who he truly is, we will not only feel conviction for our sins, but also be freed to confess our sins.

1. The S_____ (vv. 1-5)

2. Prayer of P_____ & C_____ (vv. 6-38)

Praise: W_____ God is (v. 6)

Praise: W_____ God has done (vv. 7-15)

Confession of the P_____ (vv. 16-31)

6 Pairs of Israel-God Responses:

1) (vv. 16-17)

2) (vv. 18-25)

3) (vv. 26-27)

4) (vv. 28-29a)

5) (vv. 29b-30a)

6) (vv. 30b-31)

Confession of the P_____ (vv. 32-37)

Recommended Resources

- *God is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God* by Mark Jones
- *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* by Jerry Bridges
- *Perfect Sinners: See Yourself as God Sees You* by Matt Fuller



Reflection Questions

- How would you respond if someone asked you to describe who God is?
- How does learning about the history of Israel's sins help you to consider your own sin (i.e. stubbornness, arrogance and disobedience towards God)? How does learning about God's continual faithfulness, mercy and love to Israel encourage you?
- How have you seen God's continued mercy in your life - and in the lives of those around you - whether presently or in the past?
- When was a time you were really convicted by God of a sin in your life? How did you respond?
- What hinders or prevents you from acknowledging & confessing your sins to God and finding forgiveness in Jesus today?
- **Parent Corner:** What are some ways you can help your child(ren) know who God is -- and what He has done -- both from Scripture and your personal/family history? Does your child know the stories of God's work in your life and in your family's history?

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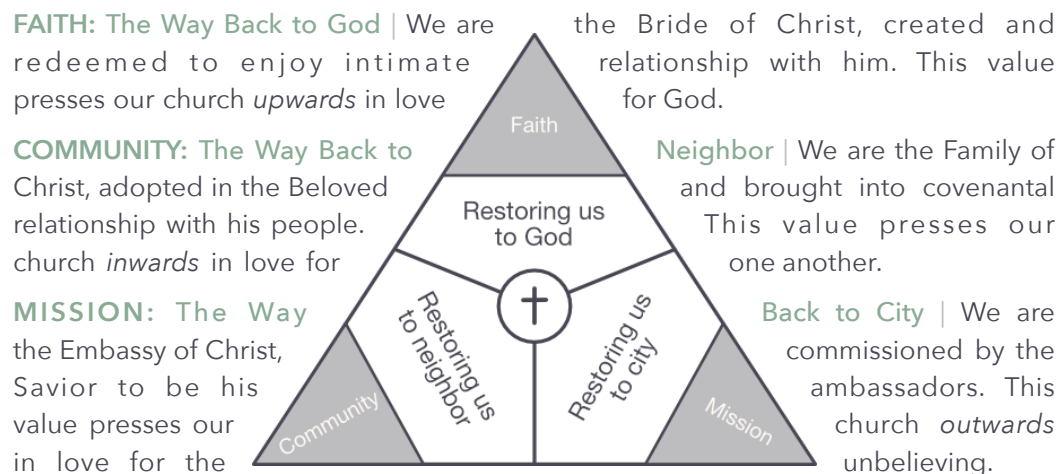


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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Hangout - Next Sunday (10/1)!!!

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.

Mercy Hill Men's Fall Bible Study!

Men of Mercy Hill! We've got a Bible study coming for ya beginning in October. It will start on October 7th and continue for six consecutive Saturdays, winding down the 11th of November. It'll be led by both Paul Walton and Bob Coffey, and it will alternate with Paul sharing from 2 Peter 1 and Bob sharing from the Psalms. It will be held at Paul Walton's house (319 Fontanelle Dr., San Jose, CA 95111), starting at 9:00am & finishing up around 10:30am or so. Getting in God's Word together always grows men closer to him and to each other. You won't want to miss it!

Please scan the QR code below to find more info and a link to register.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Paul Walton at pwwalton@comcast.net.

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