

Title: **The Renewed Community**
Text: **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**
Date: **February 25, 2024**

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Big Idea

As people created and renewed in the image of God, we are called to love one another in community through our words, hands, and hearts—as Christ has loved and forgiven us.

1. Instead of L_____, Speak T_____ in Love (v. 25)

Why? Because we are o_____ body

2. Instead of Unrighteous A_____, Have R_____ Anger (vv. 26-27)

Why? Because we don't want to give S_____ an opportunity

3. Instead of S_____, W_____ Honestly (v. 28)

Why? So we can be g_____ with others in need

4. Instead of T_____ Others Down, B_____ Up (vv. 29-30)

Why? So we can extend g_____ to each other and not g_____ the Holy Spirit

5. Instead of B_____ & A_____, Be K_____ & F_____ (vv. 31-32)

Why? Because we have been f_____ by God in J_____

6. Be I_____ of God by W_____ in L_____ (vv. 1-2)

Why? Because of Jesus' s_____ love for us

Indicative: What God has d_____ (for us) => Imperative: What God c_____ us to d_____ (for Him and others)

Reflection Questions

- Why is it important to get the order correct (indicative => imperative) in understanding and applying this passage? What happens when we get it backwards?
- Which of the areas do you struggle with? Why? How might remembering the "why" (and the Gospel) help you?
- Who are some people in your life you have harbored bitterness, frustration, hurt or anger towards in the church (or elsewhere)? What next steps can you take towards forgiving (and reconciling with) them? What happens if you don't?
- What are ways you can pray for and help foster in our church a community which lives out Christ-like love in these areas?

Parent Corner: What area(s) of growth can you pray for and help nurture in your child? How are you modeling what forgiving others looks like to your child?

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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.

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

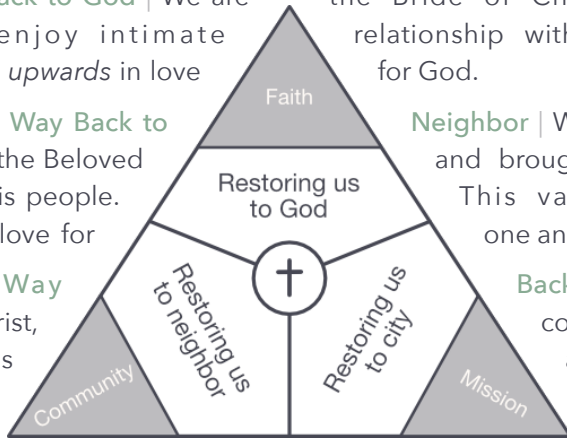
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

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

Announcement Spotlight

Missions Emphasis Week - March 17-24!

The Go! Team wants you to know that Mercy Hill's Missions Emphasis Week this year will run from March 17th thru March 24th. We'll be kicking off the first Sunday (3/17) with a guest-speaker followed by an international potluck lunch. On Saturday (3/23) we have an opportunity with CityTeam to serve lunch in their courtyard. More details to come!

We hope you can participate with us in this 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.

All Church Campout - Save the Date!

Easter Choir!

Sunday Prayer Walk - Today!

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