

Title: **Identity & Calling: Living Stones & A Holy Priesthood**
Text: **1 Peter 2:4-8**
Date: **March 2, 2025**

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Big Idea

As we come to faith in Jesus Christ, we are given a new collective identity as living stones and a holy priesthood. These identities don't just affect how we see ourselves but also how we ought to conduct our lives in this world.

1. As the C_____, We are Living S_____ (v. 5a)

- Built t_____ as God's "t_____" (v. 5b)
- Built t_____ on the f_____ of Jesus Christ (vv. 6-8) (cf. Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22)
- R_____ by others but a_____ by God (cf. Isaiah 8:14, Daniel 2:31-45, Acts 4:11, Luke 20:17, John 15:18-19, 1 John 3:13, Matthew 5:10-12)

2. As the C_____, We are a Holy P_____ (v. 5b)

(cf. Exodus 19:4-6, Revelation 5:9-10, Romans 15:14-16)

- Not from the lineage of the L_____ but from J_____
- Not d_____ on others but have d_____ access to God
- Called to a d_____ service of G_____ and o_____



Reflection Questions

- How does your identity (how you see yourself) shape how you live life?
- In what ways is your identity individual vs. communal?
- How does this morning's passage (re)shape your understanding and identity -- both individually and collectively?
- How does knowing the world's response to Jesus prepare, equip and empower you to live faithfully?
- How does the idea of "the priesthood of all believers" re-shape how you view yourself and the church?
- What are some specific ways you can live out your identity and calling as "living stones" and "a holy priesthood" in this coming week?
- **Parent Corner:** What is your child's understanding of their identity (both individual and communal)? What are ways you can ground your child's identity in Christ (and the church) vs. other things?

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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

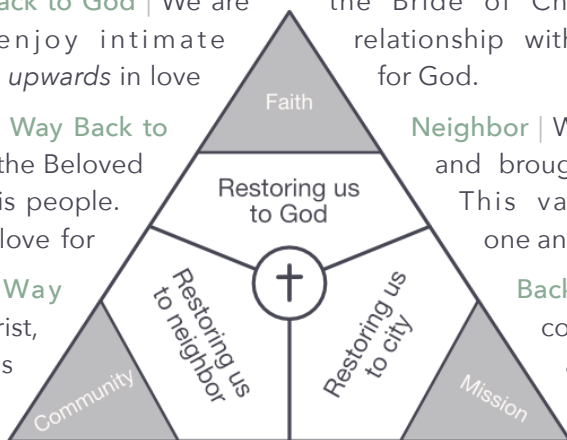
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

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 9-16!

Mercy Hill's Missions Emphasis Week this year will run from March 9th thru March 16th. Here are a few things to look forward to:

- We'll be kicking off the first Sunday of this week (3/9) with a special message from Chris Keener.
- On the second Sunday of this week (3/16) we'll have a guest-speaker bringing us God's Word and sharing with us God's heart for the nations. This will be followed by an international potluck lunch!

We hope you can engage 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.

Mercy Hill Kids + CityTeam - DONATIONS NEEDED (3/9)!

International Food Fair (Potluck) - Sunday, March 16th!

All Church Hangout - Today!

All Church Prayer - Tonight!

Short Term Missions Applications

All Church Campout - Save the Date!

Men's DNA Group - Frontline Men!

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