

Title: **Clear Minds, Warm Hearts, Open Hands**  
Text: **1 Peter 4:7-11**  
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## Big Idea

Because the end is near, believers must live with clear minds, warm hearts, and open hands so that in everything God is glorified through Christ Jesus.

### 1. C\_\_\_\_\_ Minds (v.7)

(cf. James 5:8, Heb 10:25; 1 Peter 1:13, 5:8; 1 Thess 5:6, 2 Tim 4:5, Rom 12:3. Luke 8:35)

- Having a Clear Mind on the E\_\_\_\_\_
- Having a Clear Mind in the P\_\_\_\_\_
- Having a Clear Mind in P\_\_\_\_\_

### 2. W\_\_\_\_\_ Hearts (vv.8-9)

(cf. 1:22; John 13:35, Luke 22:44, James 5:20, Proverbs 10:12)

- Love which C\_\_\_\_\_ Many S\_\_\_\_\_ (v.8)
- Love Shown Through H\_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)

### 3. O\_\_\_\_\_ Hands (vv.10-11a)

(cf. 2:9, 1 Cor 12:4, Luke 22:26, Matt 20:28, Titus 1:7, Luke 16:1-10)

- Love By S\_\_\_\_\_ One Another with Open Hands
- Serve One Another as Faithful S\_\_\_\_\_ of God's Gifts (Blessing) to Us

### 4. For God's G\_\_\_\_\_ (v.11b)

(cf. 5:11, Col 3:17, Matt 5:16, Rev 1:6, 5:13)



## Reflection Questions

- How does knowing that Jesus will return reshape your perspective on life, choices, priorities and even what you pray about and pray for?
- In the areas of love & forgiveness, hospitality and serving - how have you been blessed (i.e. been on the receiving end) by others from Mercy Hill in these areas? How have you seen our church live out these commands? Please encourage someone this week sharing how you've seen
- In which of these areas do you need to grow in: having a clear mind, a warm heart or open hands? Why? What are some specific steps you can take in this coming week?
- How does knowing and keeping in mind the Gospel and Jesus's life encourage and empower you to live this out with our church family here at Mercy Hill?
- **Parent Corner:** What are some ways you can encourage and help your child grow in these areas? How have -- or can you as a parent lived these out as an example to them?

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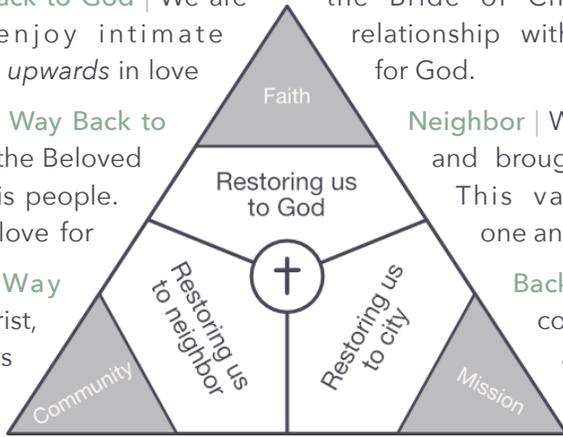
## Our Mission & Values

*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 the Bride of Christ, created and redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with him. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

**COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ**, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with his people. This value presses our one another.

**MISSION: The Way** the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the Back to City | We are commissioned by the 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 Hangout - Today!

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 most first 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 (we may shift inside depending on weather). We'll also open the gym for people to play in!*

For more info, please contact us at [info@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:info@mercyhillchurch.org).

**Foster the City - Letters for Social Workers Due Today!**

**Members Meeting - Sunday, March 8!**

**All Church Prayer - Today!**

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