

Title: **Leading & Following God's Way**  
Text: **1 Peter 5:1-5**  
Date: **April 26, 2026**

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## Big Idea

Biblically healthy churches exist when leaders serve selflessly and people follow willingly—all with humility under Christ's authority.

### 1. E\_\_\_\_\_ (Leaders): Shepherds S\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ (with H\_\_\_\_\_) (vv.1-4)

- Peter's Exhortation to F\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)  
(cf. Acts 14:23, 20:17,18)
  
- To S\_\_\_\_\_ the Flock vv.2-3) (  
(cf. Ezek 34:1-10, 2 Cor 9:7, Matt 20:25-27)
  
- To Keep E\_\_\_\_\_ in Mind (v.4)  
(cf. 1 Pet 1:4-5, 13, 2:12, 4:17)

### 2. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Members): Sheep F\_\_\_\_\_ Willingly (with H\_\_\_\_\_) (v.5a)

(cf. Isaiah 53:6, 1 Pet 2:25; 1 Pet 2:13, 18, 3:1; Eph 5:21)

### 3. E\_\_\_\_\_ : P\_\_\_\_\_ in Life Together (with H\_\_\_\_\_) (v. 5b)

(cf. Prov 3:34, James 4:6; Eph 4:2, Phil 2:3, Col 3:12)



## Reflection Questions

- Who are some good (and bad) examples of leaders in your life? In what specific ways were they a good (or bad) leader?
- In what ways do you see selfless, servant leadership in our church?
- In what ways do I need to grow in greater trust that Jesus is the "chief Shepherd" of His (our) church - and that church leaders are ultimately accountable to God?
- Do I tend to resist leadership or do I tend to follow with humility and trust? Why?
- How are we as a church when it comes to humility - whether in leadership or as a whole? In what areas of your life are you more tempted towards pride (focus on self)?
- How does Jesus' life and example of humble, sacrificial leadership reshape how you view leadership, servanthood, submission, power and authority?
- **Parent Corner:** Do your children have an understanding of what humility & pride are? In what ways are you being an example of humility and servant leadership to your children?

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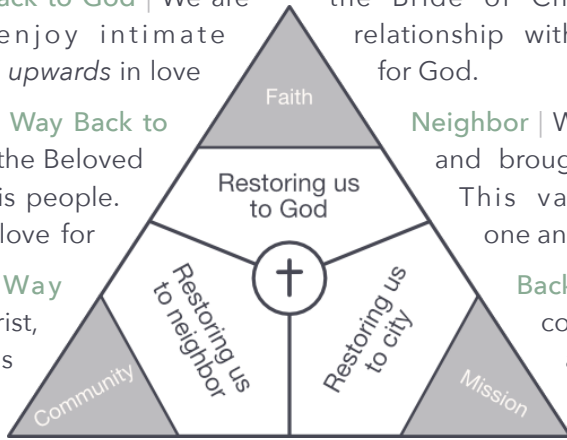
## Our Mission & Values

*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 relationship with God. 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 Campout - Open Registration!

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting our All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 26-28! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

- **Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it : ).
- **Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

Scan the QR code below for more info and to find a link to sign up!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [info@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:info@mercyhillchurch.org).

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