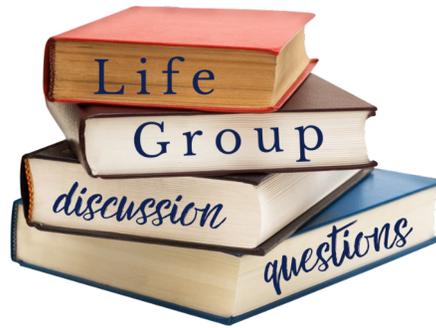


OPENING DISCUSSION

What thoughts come to mind when you think about family?



SERMON

What is one part of Jesus' encounters with His biological family that changed the way you look at your own story with Jesus? Did it change the way you view family in your own life?

How would you describe Mary's demeanor with Jesus? Is this unique to their relationship or is there a part of this encounter that applies to us? Do you think Jesus wants to serve us in the same way He did His mother and His disciples?

How does Jesus' encounter with His mother reveal His humanity? How does this help us to better relate to Him?

Why do you think that Jesus' brothers had such a hard time believing in Him? Do you think it was hard being Jesus' little brothers?

How does Jesus' encounters with His biological family change the way we consider what it means to be family?

APPLICATION

What part of Jesus' encounter with His biological family do you most identify with?

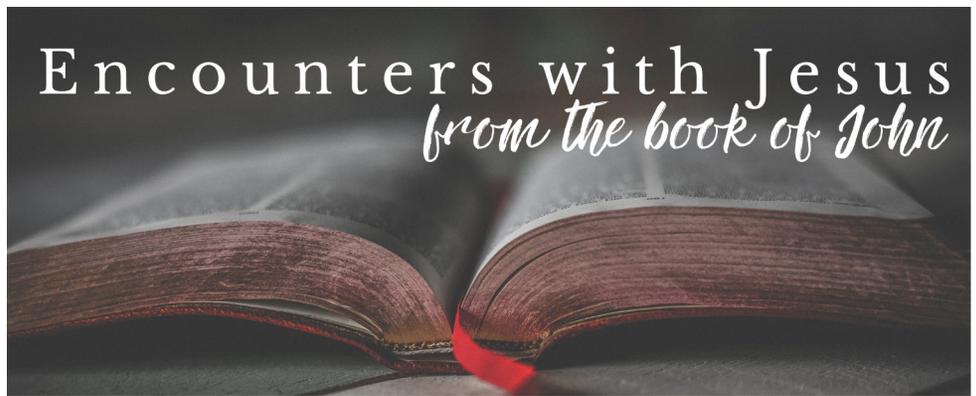
How would you compare your biological family with your spiritual family?

Jesus' mother knew who He really was, which motivated her to come before Him boldly. How can our full understanding of who Jesus is help us to approach Him confidently ... like family?

How can we avoid missing Jesus like His brothers did?

What is one thing you can do this week to help you understand what it truly means to be family?

Not a part of a Life Group at North Hills? Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting. When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that everyone will be glad you came!
<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>



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On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:1-5

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even his brothers believed in him. Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. You go up to the feast.

I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come."

After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

John 7:1-9

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

John 19:26-27

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Summer Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus

Jesus' Biological Family

John 2:1-5, 7:1-9, 19:26-27

BIG IDEA:

Jesus _____ family.

Encounter #1 - Jesus _____ His _____. (John 2:1-5, 19:26-27)

Encounter #2 - Jesus' brothers didn't _____ in Him. (John 7:1-9)

RESPONSE:

What does it _____ to be _____?

Interim Worship Leader and Interim Children's Ministry Director

On Sunday, July 4, Pastor Daniel provided a status update on the current open positions at North Hills Church (our longstanding Worship Leader, Josh Bingtan, and Children's Ministry Director, Melissa Halal, are getting married and we had a special Luau Wedding Shower and Going Away Party for them on June 27). If you missed what Pastor Daniel shared with the congregation on July 4, we invite you to visit the North Hills YouTube channel and watch his announcement at the end of the worship service (start watching at the 1 hour and 56 minutes point of the service). To visit the North Hills YouTube channel, simply go to youtube.com/c/northhillschurchvallejo.

As we seek God to fill both positions, Pastor James announced on July 11 we will be hiring an Interim Worship Leader and an Interim Children's Ministry Director. If you are a church member and you would like to apply for one of the positions, email the following to church@nhcsvallejo.org by **July 24**: (1) a letter of interest (please share why you are applying for the position), and (2) a resume including ministry experience, job history, and education. Both positions will be hired for a period of six months (or less if a person is hired long-term for the position beforehand). For details about both positions, see below.

Position responsibilities for the Interim Worship Leader (10 hours per week)

- » Coordinate with the Congregational Pastor in planning and providing leadership in corporate worship, especially related to leading the Worship Team on Sunday morning.
- » Lead Worship Team practice every Thursday night and rehearsal every Sunday morning.
- » Meet weekly with the Congregational Pastor to evaluate the previous Sunday Worship Service and plan for upcoming Sunday Worship Services.
- » Coordinate with the Congregational Pastor to select appropriate songs four weeks in advance (according to the Sunday Worship Service theme for each week).
- » Send songs to the ProPresenter Team Leader to ensure slides are created and approved through the North Hills Public Content process.
- » Schedule Worship Team members four weeks in advance, keeping in mind song selection and team chemistry.
- » Oversee and work with the volunteer Sound Team Leader.
- » Ensure serving attendance is taken utilizing Elexio Church Management Software.
- » Keep the stage and Green Room clean and organized.
- » Communicate with the Congregational Pastor about the needs of the Worship Team and any supplies that need to be ordered.

Position responsibilities for the Interim Children's Ministry Director (5 hours per week)

- » Arrive at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday to prepare ministry rooms for teachers.
- » Schedule and support volunteers for both Sunday School and Children's Worship.
- » Manage check-in/check-out process for children.
- » Ensure ministry/serving attendance is taken utilizing Elexio Church Management Software.
- » Follow up with all visitors (and their family) within 48 hours.
- » Meet weekly with the Congregational Pastor to evaluate the previous Sunday and plan for upcoming Sundays.
- » Communicate with the Congregational Pastor about the needs of the Children's Ministry and any supplies that need to be ordered.

Note: there is a possibility the number of hours for this position will increase to 20 over time.

Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find special new boxes when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes. Please note the boxes will remain out for 20 minutes after the service.

Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages

<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>