

OPENING DISCUSSION

What do you think about
when you think about God?



SERMON

How do you see the Trinity
interacting within the book of John?

What role does the Son play? The Father? The Holy Spirit?

How does it feel knowing that Jesus prays to the Father on our behalf?

Why is it significant that Jesus says it is better for Him to go so the Holy Spirit can come?
What does this say about the importance of the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is a “helper?”

Do you think the disciples were comforted by Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

APPLICATION

What part of the sermon made you think differently about the Trinity? How so?

Why do you think the Jewish people had such a hard time accepting the Trinity?

Why do you think the disciples (all Jewish) were able to accept Jesus as not only Messiah but as their God?

How important is it to you that you can understand the Trinity before you believe it? How does it feel that the Trinity is something we ultimately have to take on faith?

How can you better trust in the Holy Spirit this week to teach you how to be a better follower of Jesus?

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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“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

John 14:15-26

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Summer Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus

The Father and the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-26, 16:5-15, 17:1-26

BIG IDEA:

The true _____ lives and walks in the _____
of the _____ every day of their life.

1. Jesus prays to the _____ for His _____.

(John 14:15a)

2. The Father sent the _____ and sends the Holy Spirit into the lives of _____.

(John 14:15b-25)

3. The Holy Spirit _____ us how to follow _____.

(John 14:26)

RESPONSE:

What do you _____ about when you think about _____?

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>)

Now Hiring Subs

North Hills Christian School is seeking K-12th grade substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree, a love for children, and a personal relationship with Jesus. Please contact the School Office for more information (school@nhcsvallejo.org).



The Lord's Supper (Communion)

Join us next Sunday on August 1 as we partake of the Lord's Supper as a church family. In preparation for this, we invite you to read the following devotion by Scott DeVries:

Before Jesus died, God's people sacrificed a lamb each year during the Feast of Passover to remind them that God brought them out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12).

Jesus timed his death to take place at the beginning of Passover—when God's people were sacrificing their lambs. This would show that Jesus' death is the once-for-all sacrifice of God to save his people from their slavery to sin. Now we remember Jesus' sacrifice by celebrating the Lord's Supper, instituted by Jesus the night before he died.

We call this communion, the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving").

It is a celebration, but it is also a confession that we need to be forgiven.

Matthew highlights this point as Jesus says that his blood is "poured out . . . for the forgiveness of sins."

Notice also that the disciples were the ones who prepared the meal. They gathered and prepared the food and set the table—as we also do for communion today.

Every time we take the bread and the cup, we remember together that we are sinners who needed Jesus to die for us. We had to set that table—we needed his sacrifice. But in the Lord's Supper our guilt is met by the saving grace of God. And as we eat and drink, we are assured that God's saving grace overcomes our guilt because of Jesus' sacrifice.

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.



Outdoor Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, please go to the Preschool Playground in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.