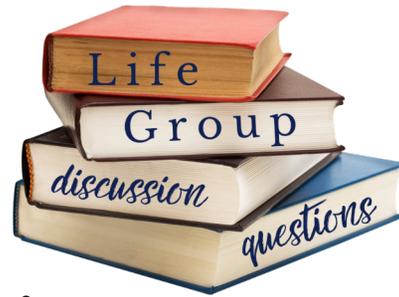


## OPENING DISCUSSION

What is the most important thing to you about being a Christian? How do you determine the main things in your life; especially your Christian life?



## SERMON

How does Paul describe his life before meeting Jesus?

For what purpose does Paul say he received mercy from God? How can Paul's story serve as an example to others about God's grace and mercy?

What does Paul entrust to Timothy? What is he supposed to do with it?

What does it mean to have a good conscience? On the other hand, what does a bad conscience look like?

How do we reconcile Paul's past wrongs and the grace he received? Do God's grace and mercy absolve him of all the bad things he has done?

Why does Paul deal with Hymenaeus and Alexander the way he does? Why might Paul's response actually be an offer of grace and mercy in this instance?

What is the main thing for Paul?

## APPLICATION

Can you relate to Paul's story? Have you experienced the grace and mercy of God? If so, what has it been like in your life?

How do you respond to God's grace and mercy in your life?

Who entrusted the gospel to you? Who are you entrusting it to?

Do you have any Hymenaeuses or Alexanders in your life? How might you deal with them like Paul?

How can you keep the main thing the main thing in your life, as well as at North Hills Church?

How would North Hills and our community be different if everyone kept the main thing the main thing?

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>

# NORTH HILLS CHURCH

- 9/12/21 -

Authentic

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. *1 Timothy 1:12-20 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

## Generation to Generation: The Main Thing

1 Timothy 1:12-20

### AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

The \_\_\_\_\_ thing is to make the \_\_\_\_\_ thing the \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

1. Don't let the \_\_\_\_\_ distract you from the main thing. (1 Timothy 1:12-14)

2. The main thing is the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ on the main thing to others. (1 Timothy 1:17-19a)

4. Don't let the wrong \_\_\_\_\_  
distract you from the main thing.  
(1 Timothy 1:19b-20)

Handwritten from the  
Founding Pastor of  
North Hills, Gene Dodson

*The Main Thing*

*is to make the main thing*

*The Main Thing*

### RESPONSE:

Are you keeping

the \_\_\_\_\_ thing

the \_\_\_\_\_ thing?

**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>



### Today's Special Celebration

Thank you for joining us for the 45th Anniversary of North Hills! After the service, we will have a delicious, complimentary lunch in Dodson Hall consisting of enchiladas, tamales, refried beans, rice, BBQ ribs, lumpia, pancit noodles, hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, potato salad, other sides, and of course, a big cake to celebrate the occasion!

When North Hills started, the first two deacons were Bryce Stafford (who has since gone to be with the Lord) and Bob Zurney, who we are recognizing today during the service. Bob has faithfully served at North Hills for many years. For those who do not know, Bob's late wife, Gerry, was the first Preschool Director at North Hills and members of Bob's family have helped make North Hills what it is today. For this, we are very grateful.

When it is time to sit down and eat in Dodson Hall, there is another person we want to express our love and appreciation for as well: Paula Prentice. Both Bob and Paula were at North Hills in the very beginning. Paula started as a church member. Later, she became a school parent. After this, she started working at North Hills and has been a valued, respected, and cherished staff member ever since. After working at North Hills for the last 31 years, Paula has decided that this will be her last month. While we will still see Paula at North Hills on Sunday mornings, she will be dearly missed during the workweek. After today's service, we invite you to join us in Dodson Hall where we will show our appreciation for Paula.



### 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.

### 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 15 minutes after the service.