

OPENING DISCUSSION

How often do you think about what you have to be grateful for?

How often is God the object of your gratitude?



SERMON

Why is it significant that Paul says God “chose” us?

How does this conflict with the idea so often put forth that we “choose” God?

What does it mean to be adopted into the family of a king?

How might understanding this help you to live a thankful life?

Jesus is not a reluctant Savior; He went to the cross willingly according to His great love for us. Why is this so important to understand?

What does it mean that God’s will is a mystery?

Why is it so difficult for us to be okay with not knowing this great mystery?

How do words like “chose,” “predestined,” “adoption,” “redemption,” and “forgiveness” stir in us a grateful heart?

APPLICATION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon that you can begin living out today?

How would your life be different if you focused more on the things you have to be grateful for as opposed to what you are upset about?

Take some time to list all of the things you are thankful for.

Spend time in prayer thanking God for His many blessings in your life.

How might you use November and its emphasis on Thanksgiving to create an ongoing habit of counting your blessings in your day-to-day life?

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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Authentic

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. *Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Truly Grateful: Count your Blessings

Ephesians 1:3-10

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

Be _____ to God for His _____.

1. For _____ us. (Ephesians 1:3-6)

2. For _____ us. (Ephesians 1:7-8)

3. For _____ His plan with us. (Ephesians 1:9-10)

RESPONSE:

How will you _____ that you are truly _____ to God?

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>)



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Boxes are available to pick up in the Worship Center. Collection Sunday is November 21.

Business Meeting next Sunday

Join us for our upcoming Business Meeting on November 14. The meeting will be in the Worship Center 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.

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.

Children's Christmas Musical



12/4 @ 1:30 PM

12/5 @ 10:30 AM