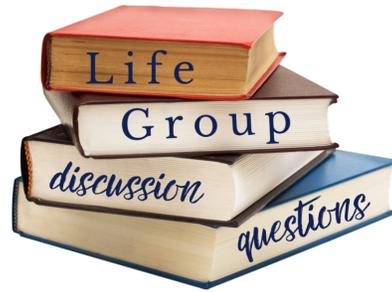


OPENING DISCUSSION

How do you respond when good things happen to other people? Do you rejoice? Are you prone to jealousy? A combination of the two? If you rejoice, why? If you are jealous, why?



SERMON

What is Paul grateful for in the lives of those to whom he is writing?

When praying for the believers in Ephesus, what does Paul continually pray for? How does continual prayer show that Paul's gratitude for them is sincere?

What does it mean to have "the eyes of your hearts enlightened?" What are the effects of this enlightenment?

Why is it important to understand that the "immeasurable greatness of his power" is only toward those who believe?

What does it mean that Jesus is "above all rule and authority and power and dominion?" Why would this be encouraging to the Ephesian church?

APPLICATION

How can we better celebrate what God does in the lives of other people?

How often do you pray for God to work in the lives of others? What do you pray for? What about people who have not been as nice to you?

How do you respond when God opens people's eyes, especially those you have considered enemies beforehand?

How can we take comfort in knowing that Jesus is Lord over all?

What does it look like to live grateful for what God is doing in the lives of others?

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

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Truly Grateful: Be Grateful for God's Work in Others

Ephesians 1:15-23

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

Be _____ even when God is working in _____.

1. Be _____ when others grow. (Ephesians 1:15-17)

2. Be _____ when _____

are transformed. (Ephesians 1:18-19)

3. Be _____ that Jesus is king over every

_____. (Ephesians 1:20-23)

RESPONSE:

Are you truly _____ for what God is doing in the lives of others?

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>

Worship Leader and Children's Ministry Director positions

The Ad Hoc Committee has been working diligently in conjunction with the Strategic Implementation Team and Personnel Team to finalize the job descriptions for the Worship Leader and Children's Ministry Director positions.

Both positions are now open for candidates to review and prayerfully consider. The positions are posted on the North Hills website (north-hills.org) and other online platforms like ChurchStaffing.com and Indeed.com.



We ask for your prayers as we seek God's will and trust in His provision for both positions. Over the last few months, the individuals at North Hills who have effectively led on an interim basis for the Worship Team (Tim Parinas and Dee Dee Barrett) and Children's Ministry (Trish Banda) have done a fantastic job. We are grateful for all they have done. Their faithful service has not only continued the ministry of the church; it has strengthened and further developed the ministry of North Hills.

Both positions will be posted from November 10 to December 10. During this time, applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled. The Ad Hoc Committee is the team who will be assessing the applications and conducting the initial interviews. The Ad Hoc Committee consists of:

- Pastor Daniel Barrett (Senior Executive Pastor)
- Pastor James Watson (Congregational Pastor)
- Wayne Parinas (Chair of the Strategic Implementation Team)
- Annie Gainous (Chair of the Personnel Team)
- Tim Bingtan (member of the Worship Team)
- Lindsay Andal (member of the Children's Ministry Leadership Team)
- Jason Rutledge (Sunday Worship Service Producer)

After the initial interviews, the strongest candidates will be invited to meet with the Strategic Implementation Team for a second interview. After these interviews, the Strategic Implementation Team and Ad Hoc Committee will make formal recommendations to the Leadership Team, who will make the hiring decision for both positions (per the North Hills bylaws, these positions are not hired by congregational vote).

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.