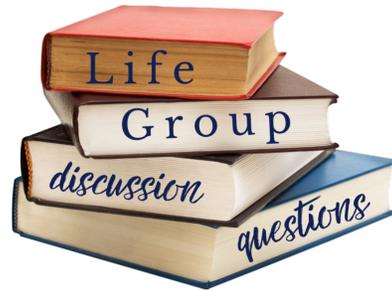


OPENING DISCUSSION

What makes someone family?

How important is your family to your life?

How do you involve family around the Christmas season?



SERMON

How are the Greeks, who want to see Jesus, connected to the family of God?

Why is it important to understand that Jesus died for a family made up of people from every tongue, tribe, and nation?

How does Isaiah's prophecy show God's plan was always to create a family from every tongue, tribe, and nation? Why do you think that the Jewish people got this so wrong?

How does John describe the results of the cross in Revelation 5:9-10?

What are some observations you can make about the description of the worship in Revelation 5:9?

APPLICATION

Have you ever assumed that someone would not be interested in Jesus? How can this attitude get in the way of God's plan for someone?

How can knowing that Jesus is the Savior of the whole world motivate us to share the gospel with as many people as possible?

How can seeing ourselves as part of God's plan, which began long before Jesus, help us to see ourselves as part of a bigger story and a bigger family?

When we consider what heaven will be like, how can we bring a little bit of heaven into our present-day Christmas traditions?

How can we make sure we are treating other believers as family regardless of who they are?

How would your life be different if you saw yourself as part of the big family of God?

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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Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." *John 12:20-32 (ESV)*

For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory. *Isaiah 66:18 (ESV)*

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." *Revelation 5:9-10 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Family Traditions: It's a Family Affair

John 12:20-32; Isaiah 66:18; Revelation 5:9-10

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

_____ is about bringing all of God's _____ together.

1. Jesus' _____ invites all people into God's _____.

2. All _____ are invited to see Jesus' _____.

3. All _____ are invited to _____ the King.

RESPONSE:

Are you a _____ of the _____ of God?



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by Southern Baptists to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially. Lottie was appointed to China as a missionary at age 33 and served there 39 years. She wore Chinese clothes and lived like her Chinese neighbors. Lottie had several nicknames in China—foreign devil, foreign lady teacher, heavenly book visitor, and the cookie maker (Lottie baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her). In 1912, famine, flood, and war encircled her China. Her friends were starving. In a final act of empathy, Lottie stopped eating and gave all her food away. When her friends realized the depth of her sickness, they put her on a boat to return to the United States. Lottie died on Christmas Eve while en route to the U.S. (see www.wmu.com for more information).

North Hills has set a goal to raise \$12,000 for international missions. As of December 15, \$3,090 has been donated. If you would like to make a contribution, please see the information below. When using an offering envelope, note it on your giving. When making a contribution online, select "Lottie Moon" in the dropdown menu. *Thanks!*

Service Opportunity

Calling all problem solvers, analytical engineers, and critical thinkers ...

Pastor Daniel is organizing a meeting to solve some drainage problems we are having on campus. Whenever we experience heavy rain, it adversely impacts operations during the week, drives teachers out of their classrooms, puts a heavy demand on the North Hills Maintenance Department, and causes preventable damage. If you would like to participate in a meeting to help diagnose and solve this problem, please speak with Pastor Daniel in person or send an email to dbarrett@nhcsvallejo.org so he can schedule a meeting.

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). For those who prefer to contribute online, simply go to north-hills.org and click on Support NH or text GIVE to (707) 289-7600.

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>)