

OPENING DISCUSSION

What qualities come to mind when you think of a strong leader?

How much does a good servant factor into leadership?



SERMON

In the Book of Acts, what prompted the need for a more structured leadership in the church? Why is this so important?

How is the division of responsibility between the two positions of leadership described?

How would you describe the process by which the “deacons” were chosen?

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13. How do the qualifications of elders and deacons match the responsibilities outlined in Acts 6:1-7?

Why is a division of responsibility important in the church?

Read Hebrews 13:17. What does this verse say about the church's responsibility to its leaders?

APPLICATION

Who are the leaders at North Hills that God has called you to support with your words and actions?

Does anything need to change concerning your attitude toward church leadership?

Are you open to God calling you to a leadership position in His church?

How can North Hills better support its leaders?

How can North Hills better help prepare people for leadership in God's church?

Where do you see gaps in the leadership at North Hills?

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 in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. *Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Authentic Church: Biblically Administered

Acts 6:1-7

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

Support biblical _____ in the church.

1. _____ are devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

2. _____ serve the needs of the church.

RESPONSE:

How are you _____ the biblical
_____ of the church?

Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages.
On Sunday, January 30, we will start reading in the book of Exodus.

(<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>)



Collecting food for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

North Hills is collecting non-perishable food to help people in need throughout the community. According to their website, an astounding 1 in 9 residents turn to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for emergency and supplemental food. For those who are unable to make ends meet, the Food Bank helps cover one of life's basic needs — nutritious food.

You will find a large barrel at the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center. Together, let's demonstrate God's love by filling both barrels. Whether you bring food from home or buy extra food the next time you are at a grocery store, contribute what you can so we can support the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano help people experiencing hunger or food insecurity in the community.

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.

