

OPENING DISCUSSION

Why do you think it's so hard for most people to be transparent?

Why is transparency so important to the Christian life?



SERMON

What does James write concerning how we should act out what's going on inside of us?

Why might always concealing our emotional life be detrimental to having authentic relationships?

How does the church family share in both the joys and burdens of the individual members?

How does transparency, especially regarding sickness, strengthen the church as we pray for one another?

Why does James emphasize the importance of confessing sin to one another? How can this type of transparency build up the church?

What does transparency have to do with prayer? How does lack of transparency get in the way of a church's prayers?

What part does the church play in restoring broken relationships with God and others?

APPLICATION

Are you transparent with others in your suffering? Joy? Sickness? Sin?

How comfortable are you asking for prayer for those things in your life?

What are the barriers that keep us from being transparent? How can we begin to eliminate those barriers?

What part does trust play in our transparency? Can you think of a time when someone violated your trust? How can you overcome this betrayal to trust again?

Do you regularly pray for other people? How can you better ensure that you are praying for those who need prayer in your life?

Are there any people in your life who need to be led back to God and His church? What will your first step be?

What steps can you take to be more transparent in your relationships?

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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Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:13-20 (ESV)

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Authentic Relationships: Be Transparent

James 5:13-20

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

The _____ step is admitting you have an _____.

1. Share your _____ with the church so they can pray for you.

(James 5:13-15)

2. _____ your sins to one another so that you can be forgiven.

(James 5:16)

3. Lead those who have _____ back to God and His church.

(James 5:19-20)

RESPONSE:

Are you a _____ Christian?

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.

The FAMILY ROOM is open again in the Worship Center!

Want a place to go during the worship service when your young one is crying?

Want a place to go when your newborn needs to be fed?

Want a place to go where the service can be watched?

The Family Room has been designed especially for you!

Now open again, the Family Room is for parents who want to care for their children yet do not want to miss out on what is happening in the Worship Center. Parents, we invite you to come inside and make yourself at home.

We also have another room for parents. It is located on the second floor. It is a larger room where children can play and parents can watch the service as it is live streamed. The room next door has a restroom. Please feel free to use it and let us know if there is anything you need.

Parents, we are so glad you are here at North Hills. It is an honor and joy to serve you and your children. May God bless you today.

The Upward Basketball season starts in 8 days

We still have opportunities for people to serve in Upward this season! If you would like to help referee games, keep score and run the time clock, or coordinate the concession stand, please send an email to upward@nhcsvallejo.org or speak with Lu Parinas, Amanda Watson, or Lindsay Andal. If you are unable to help out physically, but can help financially, we have many students who have requested scholarships to play. The cost is \$125 per player and we would welcome anything you are able to give. *Thanks!*

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.

Next Business Meeting

Join us for our upcoming Business Meeting on February 27. The meeting will be in the Worship Center after the service.



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>