

OPENING DISCUSSION

Based on last week's sermon, what steps have you taken to figure out what part you play in God's church?



SERMON

How does the metaphor of a body help us to better understand God's design for the church?

How do Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12:13 help break down the walls that keep people out of the body of Christ? What is the only thing that keeps someone out of the body of Christ?

How does the Trinity help us better understand the need for unity and diversity in the church?

Why are both unity and diversity so important in the church?

What does it mean for all members to have "the same care for one another?"

Why do you think Paul goes to such lengths to give such a vivid and detailed picture of the church?

How might Paul's words change how many view the church today?

APPLICATION

How do Paul's words challenge a conventional understanding of the church?

We often say that "the church is not a building but a people." Do Paul's words confirm this statement? Why or why not?

Why do you think we are sometimes prone to honor some gifts higher than others?

How can we make sure that we see all parts of the Body as important?

What happens when unity is emphasized at the expense of diversity? Why is this more of a temptation than emphasizing diversity at the expense of unity?

How can you better serve the church by fighting for unity and celebrating diversity? When will you start?

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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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. *1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Team Church: Put the Team First

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

See yourself as _____ of something _____ than yourself.

1. Fight for _____. (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

2. Celebrate _____. (1 Cor. 12:14-25)

3. Be _____. (1 Cor. 12:26-27)

RESPONSE:

How are you _____ the _____ and
celebrating the _____ of God's church?

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>



North Hills will be conducting baptisms on April 24 during our Sunday Worship Service. If you are interested in learning more about baptism or what it means to be a follower of Jesus, please contact Pastor James at jwatson@nhcsvallejo.org.

North Hills Essentials Class

Are you interested in finding out about North Hills membership? Join us on March 27 after church and enjoy some good food, get to meet other potential North Hills members, and learn about North Hills and what it means to be a member. This lunch is an information meeting and is a required part of our membership process. Please RSVP with Pastor James at jwatson@nhcsvallejo.org by March 24 to reserve your spot.

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

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!

The Family Room (located on the first floor by the wooden double doors) 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.

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.