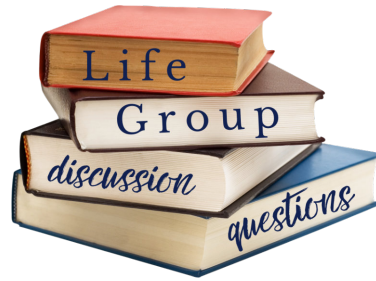


OPENING DISCUSSION

How can you tell the difference between an authentic Christian and a fake Christian?

Why is this so important?



SERMON

Who does Paul tell the elders at Ephesus to “pay attention to?” Why are these two groups so important?

Why is it important to pay attention to yourself before you pay attention to others? (See also: Luke 6:42).

Who does Paul say made them overseers? Why is this significant?

Whose church is it? How does this go against impressions we get from some pastors and churches today?

How does the end of verse 28 speak to the deity of Jesus?

Why might Paul’s departure lead to “fierce wolves?” Where will these “fierce wolves” come from?

What does Paul say these “fierce wolves” will do?

How does Paul suggest they protect against those who would lead the church astray?

Why do you think that Paul, expecting to never see these people again, wants to leave them with a warning against wolves?

APPLICATION

Where have you seen “fierce wolves” in the church or in Christianity?

What are some keys to identifying wolves in the church?

What do you do to protect the flock from wolves?

How are you paying attention to yourself?

How are you paying attention to others?

How can we work together to better protect the church against wolves?

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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Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship. *Acts 20:28-38 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Inauthentic: Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

Acts 20:28-38

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

_____ of those who _____ to be who they are not.

1. _____ God's family. (Acts 20:28)

2. _____ attacks on God's church. (Acts 20:29-31)

3. _____ your friends. _____ your enemy. (Acts 20:32-38)

RESPONSE:

Are you _____ to defend God's _____?

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.

Easter Breakfast

Join us for a special Easter breakfast in Dodson Hall on April 17. The breakfast will be prepared and served by the College and Career group. There will be no Bible Studies and Sunday School on this day, so come anytime between 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you at the breakfast. It will be an enjoyable, meaningful time of fellowship and a great opportunity to invite someone you know (family, friend, co-worker, etc.) to come as well.

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.