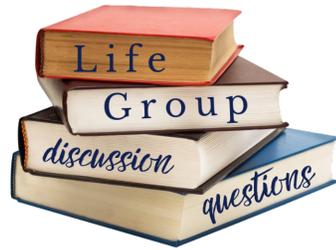


OPENING DISCUSSION

Why do you think it was so difficult for even Jesus' disciples to accept He had risen from the dead?



SERMON

Why do you think the women were the ones to go to the tomb on that first Easter morning? Why was there no one to roll away the stone?

What does their intention to complete the burial process of Jesus say about their expectations on that first Easter morning?

How does Mark describe what the women saw when they arrived at the tomb? Why are the details so important?

Why do you think the angel singles Peter out apart from the other disciples in Mark 16:7?

Why do you think that after everything the angel told them, they were still afraid?

APPLICATION

What do you think about when you think about Easter?

How difficult is it for you to believe that Jesus rose from the dead? If you are a believer, what helps you to believe? If you aren't a believer, what is keeping you from belief?

What evidence do we have today for the truth of the resurrection? How does that compare to what the early disciples had?

What does the disciples' eventual willingness to die for Jesus reveal about their beliefs?

Knowing their boldness to willingly die for Jesus at the end of their earthly lives, why is it significant that Mark's gospel ends in fear?

How do you respond to the claims that Jesus rose from the dead?

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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Authentic

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. *Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

Inauthentic: A Man-Centered Easter

Mark 16:1-8

AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:

Let your Easter celebration be centered on Jesus.

1. Don't think like a _____. (Mark 16:1-4)

2. Embrace _____ things. (Mark 16:5-7)

3. Don't be _____ when you don't have all the _____.
(Mark 16:8)

RESPONSE:

Do you _____ in a man-centered _____?

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.

Comedy Night at North Hills

Join us on Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. to hear one of America's funniest clean comedians, **Dennis Gaxiola**. Dennis is a preacher's son and Air Force veteran, with over 20 National Television appearances, including Comedy Central's Laffapalooza with Jamie Foxx, Stand up Revolution with Gabriel Iglesias, STARZ Networks First Amendment Stand Up, TBN's Praise The Lord Comedy Specials, Showtime at the Apollo, BET's Comic View, Que Locos, and more. Adult tickets are \$25.00; 18 and under are \$15.00. Seating is limited. You can go to the church website to purchase tickets.

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.