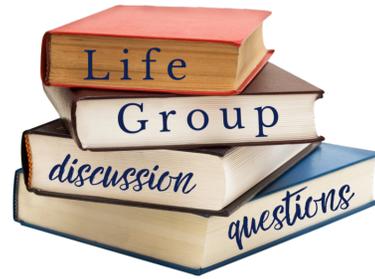


## OPENING DISCUSSION

How do you define truth in your life?

How do you determine what is true?

How do you differentiate truth from a lie?



## SERMON

What did Paul and Silas teach those in the Synagogue? How do you know?

Why were the Bereans more noble than those in Thessalonica?

How did the Bereans respond to Paul and Silas' teaching?

How can you reconcile the idea that they "received the word with all eagerness" while still checking to see if it was true?

How did the Bereans determine whether or not Paul's teaching was true?

How did the Thessalonians respond when they learned that the word was being proclaimed in Berea? Why do you think the reception of the truth by the Bereans was so upsetting to them?

## APPLICATION

How does the world define truth?

How can we differentiate between truth and opinion?

What can we learn from the Bereans about the source of truth?

How can we maintain an appropriate level of skepticism even when the truth is being taught?

Why do you think people in our world are so upset about the truth?

How can we guard the truth in a world where anything can be true to anyone?

Will you examine the Scriptures to see whether or not what Pastor James is teaching is true?

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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The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

*Acts 17:10-15 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

### *Authentic Character: A Mind for Truth - The Bereans*

Acts 17:10-15

#### **AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:**

A mind for \_\_\_\_\_ requires appropriate \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ take someone's \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:10-11)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:12)

3. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:13-15)

#### **RESPONSE:**

How are you \_\_\_\_\_ a mind for truth in your \_\_\_\_\_?

**We invite you to join us after service on May 15 for a special lunch in Dodson Hall to recognize and honor George and Florence Wright for their years of service at North Hills. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.**

**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>



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.