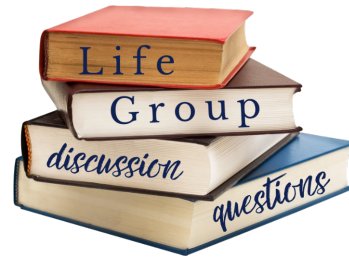


OPENING DISCUSSION

When is a time in your life when you were truly grateful for something? What was it like?



SERMON

Why is it important to start with who God is in order to truly express your thanksgiving?

In what way does "Israel, the House of Aaron," and "those who fear the Lord" encompass all of God's people?

How does the Psalmist describe his relationship with God?

What does it look like to have God as a refuge?

What does it look like to have God as a friend?

What does the discipline of the Lord look like? Why is it significant that this is something to be thankful for?

How can our thanksgiving lead us to worship the God who receives our worship?

APPLICATION

Which of the things the Psalmist is thankful for resonates most with you? Why?

Why do you think so many of the examples of Thanksgiving in the Bible deal with God's deliverance of His people from or through tough times?

Have you ever experienced God as a helper, by your side, in times of trouble? What is that like?

Is there a time in your life when you gave thanks to God? What was that like?

How might you use this Psalm to express your thanksgiving to God?

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 the group will be glad you came!

<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>

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PSALM 118 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! They surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

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The Psalms of Thanksgiving

His Love Endures Forever: Psalm 118

BIG IDEA:

Give _____ to the _____.

1. Because He _____ our _____. (Psalm 118:1-7)

2. Because He is our _____. (Psalm 118:8-9)

3. Because He _____ us. (Psalm 118:10-13)

4. Because He _____ us. (Psalm 118:14-16)

5. Because He _____ us. (Psalm 118:17-18)

6. Because He _____ our _____.
(Psalm 118:19-27)

7. Because of _____ He _____. (Psalm 118:28-29)

RESPONSE:

Will you give _____ to the Lord for all He has _____ for you?



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 a pedestal box 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.

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>