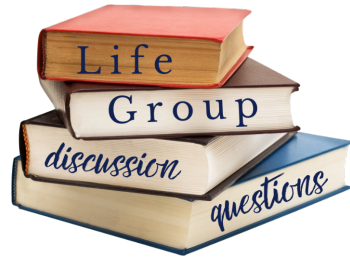


## OPENING DISCUSSION

Have you ever made peace with someone after a period of conflict?  
What was that like?  
What does peace after conflict look like?



## SERMON

What was the message that Paul said Jesus preached? How do you see this mirrored in the teaching of Jesus contained in the gospel?

What are the benefits of the peace we have in Jesus?

What is the transformation that takes place in us after the peace we have in Jesus?

What does it mean to have access to the Father?

Where do you see the Trinity in this short passage?

## APPLICATION

How do you respond to the fact that God has taken the initiative to make peace with us even though He is the offended party?

Can you remember what it was like to be far from God?

What is it like to be near to God? Do you ever feel distant from God?

How does the fact that you have access to the Father in the Spirit motivate you to draw near to God with confidence?

Do you know that you never need to feel distant from God?

How can you live in light of this access moving forward?

Not a part of a Small 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>

intimate  
CONVERSATIONS  
with God

## Ephesians 2:17-18 (ESV)

And he came and preached peace  
to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near.

For through him  
we both have access in one Spirit  
to the Father.

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## *An Intimate Gospel*

A Great Peace

### **BIG IDEA:**

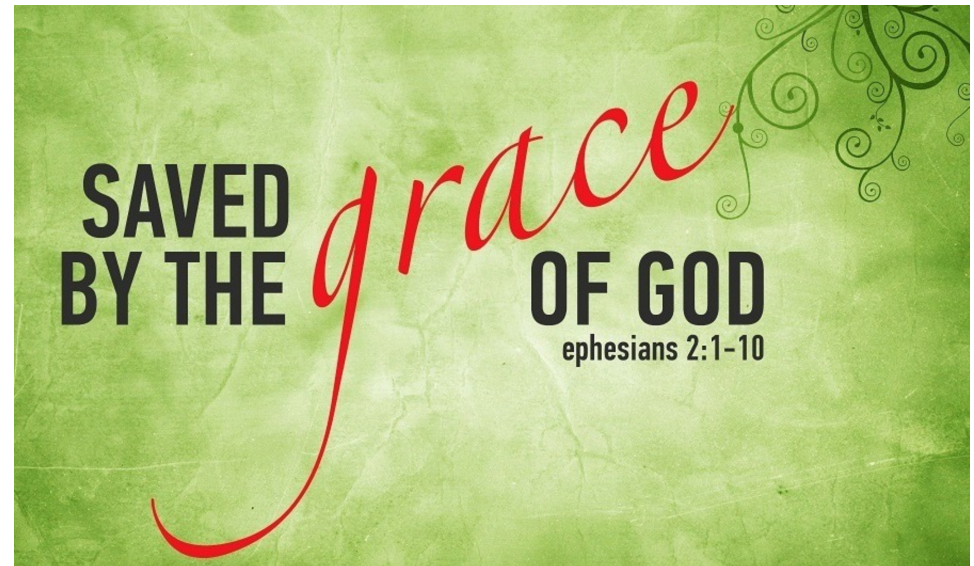
Jesus brings those who are \_\_\_\_\_ from God, \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ puts us all on even \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:17)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ connects us to one another and gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father. (Ephesians 2:18)

### **RESPONSE:**

Have you \_\_\_\_\_ the invitation to draw \_\_\_\_\_ to God?



### Children's Worship on Sunday mornings - preschool to 5th grade

Parents and guardians, on non-rainy days we ask that you check in your children at the playground in between Dodson Hall and the Worship Center. After service, return to the playground in a timely fashion to check your children out. On rainy days, check-in and check-out will be inside Dodson Hall. Children's Worship is not mandatory. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center.

### 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>