Welcome to New Hope Church

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.



We'd love to get to know you. Fill out the New Here form.









GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Parent Forum

Sunday, March 14, 5pm, Zoom. Topic: Marriage/Parenting Stress/Anxiety. A space to learn, get resources and connect with other parents dealing with the similar struggles. For parents with kids of all ages. Register for each session at newhopechurchmn.org/families.

Alzheimer's Seminar

Thursday, March 18, 6:30–8pm, online. Topic: *Effective Communication Strategies*. Learn how to decode Alzheimer's and dementia patient's special cues and connect through each stage of the disease. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care.

NHC en Español

Sundays, 10:30am, Ministry Center. Worship with our Spanish-speaking community. Volunteer with the tech or hospitality team. Email latino@newhopechurchmn.org for more information.

Career Opportunities

Use your gifts, talents and skills to bless NHC. See current career opportunities at newhopechurchmn.org/careers.

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LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

BLOTS & BLEMISHES 2 Peter 2:10–22

March 14, 2021

CONNECT

1. Think of someone you trust completely. What is their lifestyle like? How does the way they live give you confidence about what they say?

CELEBRATE

- 2. Why is it so vital to distinguish false teachers from true teachers? How is this uniquely relevant in the Internet age? What should we expect to happen if we don't equip our church family with this discernment?
- 3. Read 2 Peter 2:10–22 out loud. How many characteristics can you spot that identify false teachers? Write down a list as you go.
- 4. Read 2 Peter 2:12. What is the fate of false teachers? Given this, how seriously does God take false teaching? How careful then should we be when we aim to teach others about God?
- 5. According to 2 Peter 2:14, what desires reign in the hearts of false teachers? Who is at the center of their lives? How can this help us discern false teachers from true teachers?
- 6. In 2 Peter 2:18–19, Peter describes those targeted by false teachers. Who are these targets? Why might a targeted person listen to a false teacher? How can we train up new believers to spot such deception and reject it?
- 7. Jesus is righteous, the self-sacrificing God who loves us so much He died for us. How does this contrast to the false teachers? How can we use Jesus as the lens through which we discern false teachers?

CONTRIBUTE

- 8. Based on 2 Peter 2:10–22, how can we as a community protect ourselves from false teachers? If a person tells you someone is a false teacher, what questions would you ask to find out?
- 9. Is there someone in your life who has fallen for false teaching? Take time to pray for this individual. Could you talk with them this week to share the truth with them? Pray for wisdom and then set out a plan.