Welcome to New Hope Church

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

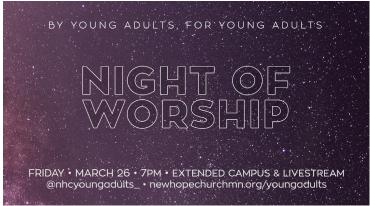


We'd love to get to know you. Fill out the New Here form.









GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Young Adult Night of Worship

Friday, March 26, 7–8:30pm, Extended Campus and livestream. A place to be yourself, be in the presence of God and connect with others who want to do the same. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/youngadults.

Parent Forum

Sunday, March 28, 5pm, Zoom. Topic: Family Worship. 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.

Connect on Social Media

Facebook & Instagram—newhopechurchmn

Live on Purpose Class

Sundays, April 11–May 2, 5pm, Zoom. Discover your spiritual gifting, leadership style and personality bent. Identify how to engage your gifts in everyday life. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

myNHC

Sign up for myNHC—our database for connecting with each other. Be sure your information is current to continue receiving communications.

News & Giving Report

Log in to myNHC for details on praying for hospitalizations, births, deaths and new believer stories. View the weekly giving report.

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LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE GLORIOUS RETURN 2 Peter 3:1–18

March 21, 2021

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1. In 2 Peter 3:12 the Apostle Peter writes, "waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of the God." This is a reference to the glorious return of Jesus Christ. What do you think about when you think of the Lord's return? How does that encourage you and make you hopeful? What anxieties, if any, might you have about it?

CELEBRATE

- 2. An old adage suggests that people can be so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good. However, the Bible tells us to "remember the predictions of the holy prophets" (2 Peter 3:2) regarding the return of Jesus and His activities in the last days. The Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4:18 to "encourage one another with these words." Why is it important to remember and encourage one another regarding the coming of Christ and His activities in the last days?
- 3. The glorious return of Jesus is not the only thing spoken of regarding the last days. Peter writes we need to remember that "scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires" (2 Peter 3:3). What does this mean? Is it something we see unfolding today? See 2 Timothy 3:1–9.
- 4. Peter makes the case that in the same way the earth "was formed out of water" (2 Peter 3:5) by God, so "the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved" (2 Peter 3:10). What purpose might there be in God bringing about this kind of destruction to heaven and earth? See 2 Peter 3:7, 10.
- 5. In what way does 2 Peter 3:13 give us hope in the face of the previously described destruction? Moreover, who are the "we" spoken of in that verse and how might people participate in that? See 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11.

CONTRIBUTE

- 6. The statement of faith for the Evangelical Free Church (of which New Hope Church is a part) says, "We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission." What are practical ways you can celebrate these values in your sphere of influence?
- 7. 2 Peter 3:9 tells us "The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." In keeping with the Lord's desire that "all should reach repentance," with whom do you need to have spiritual conversations, taking others to Jesus? What steps are you going to take in this regard?