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

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Stories Along the Way Message Series

Sundays, April 11–June 27. Jesus shares unique stories along the way. Let's learn together how to walk out the principles He teaches in our daily spheres of influence. Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/watch.

Widows First Steps Care Group

Tuesdays, April 13–May 18, 12:30–2pm, Parent/Child Room. Led by someone who has been there, Widows First Steps addresses challenges and offers insight, encouragement and hope. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/caregroups.

Career Opportunities

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

Heritage Hymn Sing

2nd Wednesdays (April 14), 2–3pm, Worship Center or online. An old-fashioned hymn sing. Meals-to-Go (\$6/meal) available 3–3:30pm. Reserve meals at 763-971-5137 by noon Monday, April 12. Details at newhopechurchmn.org/seniors.

Young Adult Night of Worship

Friday, April 16, 7–8:30pm, Ministry Center or 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.

Israel Pilgrimage Info Meeting

Sunday, April 18, 5pm, Zoom. Seats are still available to visit the Holy Land October 23–November 3, 2021. Walk in Jesus' very footsteps. Contact [Tiffany Miller](#) to join the meeting.

Get the most current information at
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The Soils of Our Souls Luke 8:4–15

April 11, 2021

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1. The Bible is filled with parables. What is a parable? How is it different than a story, a sermon or an allegory?

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2. Read Luke 8:4–8 aloud. While it is being read, imagine yourself in the crowd. You've come to listen to Jesus and He tells this story, with no explanation. How would you respond?
3. As you consider Luke 8:4–8, what do you notice about the unique features of this parable? How did Jesus craft it? How did Jesus make this parable accessible to the crowd?
4. Read Luke 8:9. Why did the disciples ask this? What implications does this have for the rest of us as we try to understand Jesus' teaching?
5. Read Luke 8:10. How did Jesus respond to the disciples? Did He rebuke them for not understanding or tell them to figure it out themselves? Or did He answer them? What kind of teacher is Jesus?
6. What reason does Jesus give for why He spoke in a parable? How will those who want to follow Jesus respond to a parable? How will those who have no interest in following Jesus respond to a parable? Based on this, how does a parable reveal the heart of the listener?
7. Read Luke 8:11–15. What does this teach us about the heart of God, the sower? What does it teach us about the reality of sharing the gospel and how we bear fruit as Christians?
8. What is the condition of your heart soil? Based on Jesus' description, what actions can you take to hear the Word, retain it and bear fruit? What actions prevent you from hearing, retaining or bearing fruit?
9. Look back at Jesus' explanation of the parable. What principles can we glean about how we should interpret all parables?

CONTRIBUTE

10. The seed is the Word of God. As you look back on this past week, how much seed have you scattered? Where can you scatter seed next week? Pray about this together. Take every opportunity to scatter seed, whether in spiritual conversations, heart-to-heart chats, sharing on social media or anywhere else God gives you the opportunity.