

# Welcome to New Hope Church

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

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## SUMMER FAMILY NIGHTS

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS // JUNE–AUGUST // 3:30–5PM

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## Neighborhood Day Camp



Host a day camp in your backyard!

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### Summer Family Nights

2nd & 4th Sundays, June–August, 3:30–5pm, Main Campus. For the whole church family to have fun and make memories. Theme coincides with the parables series with an Olympic twist. No registration. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/families](http://newhopechurchmn.org/families).

### Host a Neighborhood Day Camp

Host a backyard outreach for kids this summer. Children's provides training, curriculum and resources—you lead the fun! Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/families](http://newhopechurchmn.org/families).

### NHC App

A great resource for everything NHC—give, watch worship gatherings, find out about events. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play (New Hope Church MN).

### Ways to Give

Thank you for your generous giving to New Hope Church. You can give through the NHC App, by check or online at [newhopechurchmn.org/give](http://newhopechurchmn.org/give).

### Career Opportunities

Use your gifts, talents and skills to bless NHC. Currently looking for funeral coordinator/assistants, preschool director, coffee baristas and weekend custodian. See career opportunities at [newhopechurchmn.org/careers](http://newhopechurchmn.org/careers).

### myNHC

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

Get the most current information at  
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### The Pharisee & the Tax Collector Luke 18:9–14

June 27, 2021

#### CONNECT

1. Have you ever considered yourself to be righteous? Why or why not?

#### CELEBRATE

2. Jesus sets the Pharisee (whom the crowd would admire) against the tax collector (whom the crowd would despise) as both go up to the temple to pray. Out of all the people Jesus could have told a story about, why do you think He picked these two?
3. Read the Pharisee's prayer aloud (Luke 18:11–12). What do you notice about this prayer? What is he celebrating about his life? Are the things he focuses on good or bad?
4. The Pharisee's prayer included good things, but the posture of his heart was satanic. Why? (See Revelation 12:10, Zechariah 3:1, John 8:40–41).
5. Read the tax collector's prayer aloud (Luke 18:13). Why would he be praying such a prayer? Why would a wealthy tax collector leave his office, come to the temple and pray these words?
6. We can weaponize our righteousness by elevating ourselves over other people, thinking we're better than them because we live better than they do. When have others done this to you? How did it make you feel? What insight does that give you as to why the Pharisee's prayer was evil?
7. Do you feel closer to God when you "live better" and don't sin for a while? Why could this be dangerous?
8. What does it mean to be justified? Why was the tax collector justified but the Pharisee judged?
9. Is it a good or bad thing to feel conviction for your sin? (See Hebrews 12:3–11).

#### CONTRIBUTE

10. Pray together for wisdom, then reflect on your life. Is there anyone that you have been "righteous" toward, elevating yourself above them? It could be someone you spoke down to or someone you thought yourself to be better than. Write down their names. Then honor this person by speaking aloud good things about them and pray that God would bless them extravagantly.
11. Who is humble in your life that you can celebrate together? Take time to honor the humble people in your life.
12. The tax collector earnestly sought the mercy of God. Why is this a good thing? Why would anyone desire the mercy of God? How can we talk about this to others in a way that they would desire it?