# Welcome to New Hope Church

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



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**NEED PRAYER?** 

**NEWS & GIVING REPORT** 

#### **Young Adults Night of Worship**

Friday, July 9, 7–8:30pm, Ministry Center and livestream via Instagram. 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.

## **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.

# **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.

#### **Career Opportunities**

Use your gifts and talents to bless NHC. Currently looking for funeral coordiator/assistants, preschool director, coffee baristas, childcare coordinator and weekend custodian. Visit 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.

## **Need Prayer?**

Share requests and pray for others on an interactive prayer wall. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/prayerwall.

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# The Pounds Luke 19:11–27

July 4, 2021

### **CONNECT**

1. As Christians we live with the tension that Jesus will be coming soon, yet His return seems so greatly delayed. What is it like for you to live within this tension and how are you managing it?

#### **CELEBRATE**

- 2. Luke 19:11 tells us that Jesus shared the parable of the pounds because, being near Jerusalem, the crowd supposed the kingdom of God was ready to appear. What assumptions did the crowd have that made them imagine such was imminent? Read Genesis 49:8–10 and Isaiah 11:1–5 for helpful insight.
- 3. Read through the whole parable (Luke 19:12–27). Consider the personalities mentioned. Who do you think each one represents? Which ones seem obvious to you and which ones are harder to discern? Why?
- 4. Clearly, within the parable, the servants are to invest the money the nobleman gave them (Luke 19:13). For those who follow Jesus, what does the money represent? What might it look like for disciples of Jesus to "engage in business until" Jesus returns?
- 5. Consider 1 Corinthians 3:10–15. In what way does the Apostle Paul's words relate to your answers to the previous question? Importantly, if you are a disciple of Jesus, are you leveraging gold, silver and precious stones? Or are you dabbling in wood, hay and straw? Why?
- 6. In Luke 19:17 the nobleman tells the first servant, "Well done, good servant!" He then assigns the servant cities over which he will rule. He does similarly to the second servant. Take time to process what is being offered these servants and why. Consider Matthew 6:20–21, 1 Corinthians 3:8 and 1 Timothy 6:17–19 for further understanding.
- 7. The third servant and the citizens who hated the nobleman find themselves judged severely by the nobleman (Luke 19:22–27). Why is this and what are the broader implications? Read also John 12:48, 2 Peter 2:4–10 and Revelation 20:11–15.

## **CONTRIBUTE**

- 8. Recognizing that we are in a time of waiting for the Lord's return, what are the values and vision by which you live that will help you declare God's glory while you wait (Psalm 96:3)? What choices must you make today in this regard?
- 9. Pastor Matthew often says, "The time is short and the needs are great, and the whole world is slipping right into hell." This is a call to urgent action! What spiritual conversations will you have this week considering this reality?