

Welcome to New Hope Church

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

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CONNECTION EVENT



SUNDAY SEP 19
5PM FAMILY CENTER

Join a life group this fall!

newhopechurchmn.org/lifegroups

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NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Better Together Message Series

Sundays, September 12–October 3. A four-week series on New Hope Church's vision for connection, serving, multiplication and all peoples. Culminates in bilingual combined worship gatherings on October 3. Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/watch.

Fall Ministry Kickoff

Sunday, September 12, 8:30am–1:30pm. *Better Together*. An all-church event to celebrate being together again. Food, games, outdoor baptism and a ministry fair. Free.

Life Groups Connection Event

Sunday, September 19, 5pm, Family Center. Join a short-term Life Group for six sessions. Come to dinner and find a group that fits for you. Free event. No childcare available. Register by September 12 at newhopechurchmn.org/lifegroups.

The Café Grand Re-opening

Sunday, September 19, 8:30–10:30am, lower level. Breakfast available for purchase. Free coffee and tea.

Women's Ministries

Bible studies, moms group and discipleship group starting in September. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/women.

Men's Discipleship Groups

Discipleship groups include personal Bible study, memorization, prayer and accountability. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/men.

Art Gallery—Calling Artists

In the Garden. Create visual art of how God uses plants, flowers, fruit and trees to symbolize the nature of who He is. Submit by October 17 at newhopechurchmn.org/arts.

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Discussion Guide

September 12, 2021

GROWING TOGETHER Ephesians 4:15–16

ICE-BREAKER

1. Which community in your life has made you feel the most supported, loved and encouraged? How?

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2. Read Ephesians 4:11–16 out loud. What stands out to you from this passage?
3. Consider the phrase “speak the truth in love” (4:15). What does it mean to speak the truth without love? What does it mean to express love but lack truth? Based on your answers, why is it so necessary for the people of God to speak the truth in love?
4. What does it mean to “grow up in every way into Christ” (4:15)? How does speaking the truth in love help us accomplish this? Practically speaking, how do we help each other grow up into Christ?
5. What does it mean for us as a church community that Christ is the head of the church (4:15)? If Christ possesses all authority, what response does that require from us?
6. The body of Christ is the most diverse community in the world, with billions of people scattered across every country. How then do we unite with each other, every joint and ligament connected (4:16)? How do we join with each other, aligning together in Christ?
7. Read again the last half of Ephesians 4:16—“when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” What does Christian maturity look like? How can the church best foster this kind of growth?

ACTION

8. Look around your group. Consider what life would look like if you each tried to live out your Christianity alone. What would you miss if you didn't have this group together with you? Share these things with each other.
9. How does a healthy church community demonstrate to the world that Christ's claims are true (Acts 2:42–47, John 13:35)? How is your group one of the ways that the world hears the gospel?