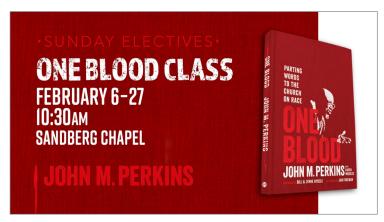
Welcome to New Hope Church

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









GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Student Summer Ministry Trips Info Meeting

Rescheduled to Sunday, January 16, 12pm, The Café. Parents and students learn more about the upcoming student ministry trips.

Christianity & Culture Class

Sundays, now-January 30, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Gain understanding about your own cultures as well as other cultures as demonstrated by thoughtful biblical engagement. No registration needed.

Disability Ministry Donations

Collection dates: January 16–30. Donate new or gently used gifts for Bingo nights. Drop off at collection box near the reception desk. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/disabilities for donation ideas.

Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Saturday, January 22, 9–11:30am, Kids Center. Grieving the death of a spouse or know someone who is? Learn what to expect in the grief process and how to cope without your spouse. Cost: \$5. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care.

Life Groups Connection Event

Sunday, January 23, 5pm, Family Center. Come for dinner, connection and an opportunity to sign up for a six-week Life Group. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/lifegroups by January 16.

Care Seminar: Seniors & Scams

Thursday, January 27, 6:30–8pm, Sandberg Chapel. Learn how to protect yourself or the seniors you care for from scams such as Medicare fraud, contests, mail fraud. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care or 763-536-3215.

Get the most current information at

newhopechurchmn.org



RECONCILIATION Hebrews 13:1-3

CONNECT

1. If the topic of reconciliation, particularly relating to ethnicity, race and culture, comes up at the dining room table, people often tense up. Why is this the case? What are some of the common elements within the church or society that make reconciliation a challenging conversation?

GOING DEEPER

- 2. Survey the following verses from God's Word: Genesis 12:1–3, Psalm 96:3, Luke 4:16–21, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 2:13–20 and Revelation 5:6–14. What common items stand out to you within these passages?
- 3. Read Hebrews 13:1–6. One of the controlling themes of these verses is robust love for other people. Considering the reference in verse 3 about prisoners and those who are mistreated, how might the controlling theme of love influence our thoughts and behaviors toward those who are marginalized or oppressed?
- 4. Zechariah 7:8–10 reveals God's justice-orientation toward the so-called "quartet of the vulnerable"—the widow, the orphan, the immigrant and the poor. Giving special attention to the exhortations within verses 9–10, how will you think and behave going forward? How should New Hope Church think and behave?
- 5. Zechariah 7:11–12 offers a glimpse of God's attitude toward those who dismiss His justice-orientation. Why do people dismiss this? What is God's response and why?

ACTION

- 6. In his Letter from the Birmingham Jail, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "So here we are . . . with a religious community largely adjusted to the status quo, standing as a tail-light behind other community agencies rather than a headlight leading men to higher levels of justice." Relating to the biblical values referenced above, what could it look like for New Hope Church to be a headlight leading people to higher levels of justice?
- 7. Carefully read Isaiah 58:6–12. In your group pray fervently about how you and New Hope Church can live out this vision in today's world.