## 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** 

#### Africonnect

In honor of Black History Month, we celebrate African culture and our "all peoples" value by wearing our African attire on February 27.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, February 27, 6:30pm, Ministry Center or livestream. Learn about the proposed changes to NHC's bylaws from the Revision Committee and the proposed update to Article 9 in our Statement of Faith to follow the EFCA's 2019 change.

#### **Upcoming Bible Study**

*Galatians* precepts study by Kay Arthur for men and women begins February 28. Register by February 27 at newhopechurchmn.org/women or newhopechurchmn.org/men.

#### **Connect on Social Media**

Facebook & Instagram—newhopechurchmn

#### **Live on Purpose Class**

Sundays, March 6–27, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Identify and value the dynamics of your personal make-up, understanding that you have a unique design that is ideal for the mission God has called you to achieve. Register by March 3 at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

#### **Need Prayer?**

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

#### 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.

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# galatians

### **DELIVERANCE** Galatians 3:13

#### CONNECT

1. In your own words, how might you articulate the gospel—simply, clearly and experientially? What would keep you from sharing this with others?

#### **GOING DEEPER**

- 2. Reflecting on our broader focus on the book of Galatians, why is the Apostle Paul using the language he is using in Galatians 3:1–3? What is Paul addressing in this letter? See Galatians 1:6–7 for further insight.
- 3. In Galatians 3:6 Paul introduces us to the patriarch Abraham whose relationship with God was based on his faith in God. Why is Abraham's story so important for the Galatian Christians and for us today?
- 4. Paul makes a strong case in Galatians 3:8–9 that the gospel "preached . . . beforehand to Abraham" will serve to bless the nations—that is, the Gentile world. Reading Ephesians 1:7 and Ephesians 2:13–16 together, in what way will the nations be blessed? Importantly, why is this significant? What are the implications of this for New Hope Church? For you personally?
- 5. Galatians 3:11 makes it clear that the Old Testament Law (the Torah) in no way makes a person right before God. So, what is its purpose? See Galatians 3:19–26 for clarity.
- 6. Read Genesis 15:5–6 and Galatians 3:16–19. In what way do these verses point to and magnify the unique work and person of Jesus? What are the implications of this for each one of us?

#### ACTION

- 7. Today's world is so fractured along gender and ethnic/racial lines. In what ways might you apply Galatians 3:28 toward this fracturing? How does this shape your conversations, your politics, who you welcome into your home and how you behave toward strangers?
- 8. Write out your gospel story. Be as brief as possible, only a couple of paragraphs. Be focused, simple and to the point. You might respond to the statement, "Here is what Christ has done in me." Pray about one or two people with whom you will share this and then do it.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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