Welcome to New Hope Church

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



We'd love to get to know you. Fill out the New Here form.









GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Membership Class

Sundays, October 3–17, 5pm, Zoom (attend all three sessions). An overview on the history, mission, vision, distinctives and ministries of New Hope Church. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/membership.

3000 Acts of Kindness Donations

Collection dates: October 3–10. Provide basic necessities for people of all ages experiencing homelessness. Drop off new items to New Hope Church Main Campus. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Spiritual Growth Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays, October 6-November 10, 6:30-7:30pm, Sandberg Chapel. This drop-in, discussion-based, beginner's Bible study is for adults ready to take the next step in moving toward Jesus. Free. No registration.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15–October 15. NHC's Latino community includes believers from more than 15 countries, representing the diversity growing here in MN. Let's celebrate as we continue to move toward Jesus and take others from every tribe, tongue and nation with us

Care Seminar: Planning to End Well

Thursday, October 7, 6–8pm, Family Center B. Make a plan for your estate, will, funeral and health directives and more. Cost: \$10. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care.

Wednesday Nights

Dinner: 5:15–6:15pm, Café (\$6). Programs for men, women, students and children begin at 6:30pm. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/wednesdays.

Get the most current information at

newhopechurchmn.org







Discussion Guide

October 3, 202⁻

REACHING NATIONS Revelation 5:9

CELEBRATE

1. Throughout the Scriptures God's heart for the nations, His heart for all-peoples, is really pronounced. What experiences, either comfortable or not, have you had with people from other cultures, ethnicities, or nations?

CONNECT

- 2. Carefully read through Ephesians 2:13-22 and Revelation 5:9. To what do the references to blood refer, and what might be the implications of this reference for the kind of cultural and ethnic harmony or oneness spoken of in these passages?
- 3. First Peter 2:9-10 reminds us we are to "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called" us. How should we respond as gospel-ambassadors to society's tensions around ethnic and cultural reconciliation?
- 4. Based on your experiences with people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds, how do different ethnicities and cultures think about and practice Christianity? What have you experienced?
- 5. How does ethnic or cultural discrimination shape your own religious or spiritual convictions?
- 6. Read Psalm 96:3 and Matthew 28:19-20. In what way does God's passion for the nations—all-peoples—resonate with you? What might keep you from sharing that passion? What do you need to do with this passion?

CONTRIBUTE

- 7. To what extent are you willing to experience rejection, as did Jesus (see, for instance, Luke 9:51-56), because of your own ethnic or cultural heritage or your intentional movement toward reconciliation with others?
- 8. Read Isaiah 58:6-12. What do you learn from this passage about taking the Good News to heal our fellow human beings? What role does God play here? What is your role?