

Welcome to New Hope Church

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

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Calling artists!

IN THE GARDEN

ART GALLERY

OCT 24-NOV 21

APPLY BY OCTOBER 17

newhopechurchmn.org/arts



SUN | OCT 24-NOV 14 | 10:30AM

SANDBERG
CHAPEL

Register at newhopechurchmn.org

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NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Art Gallery: In the Garden

October 24–November 21. Take a walk “in the garden” and see how God uses nature to symbolize who He is and how the human soul can thrive in His creation.

Art submission deadline October 17. Apply at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Legacy Grandparenting Summit

October 21 & 22, 9am–4:30pm, Worship Center (simulcast). You can make an incredible difference on the spiritual direction and destiny of your grandkids. Cost: \$59.

Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

The Café

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

Live on Purpose

Sundays, October 24–November 14, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Learn to identify and value the dynamics of your personal make-up to live out the mission God has called you to achieve. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Wednesday Nights

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

Ways to Give

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Discussion Guide

October 10, 2021

LONGING Song of Solomon 1:5–7

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1. One popular definition of “longing” is “a strong feeling of need or desire for someone or something.” Share about a season when you had an intense longing for something or someone. What were the feelings common to that season? In what way was that longing ever meaningfully satisfied?

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2. Read Proverbs 11:27. What are common things for which we long? Distinguish, if possible, those longings that are healthy and good with those which are not best or are inappropriate. How might we employ wisdom for choosing what is best?
3. Carefully read Song of Solomon 1:2–7. If verses 2–4 tell us of the woman’s desire for King Solomon to draw her to himself, verses 5–7 seem to imply some insecurity on her part. How would you characterize the nature of her insecurities? Be as specific as possible.
4. As you think about your own longings, what insecurities get the best of you? Reflect on the woman in verses 5–7. Also, consider Judges 6:11–27 for another example of someone whose insecurities seemed to get in his way. What issues were at play for him? Do these resonate with you?
5. Clearly, the woman longs to be known, loved, and accepted by King Solomon. We will see that they have marriage in mind, but the desire for human connections—marriage or not—is universal. We are better together! In what ways do you express a longing for human connection and seek to have it satisfied?
6. Human connections matter but remain not ultimately sufficient. Read Psalm 42:1–4 and Psalm 23:1–2. In what ways can you grow your longing for the Lord, and what should you expect of Him in this regard?

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7. Luke 4:1–13 tells of Satan tempting Jesus with longings that would have ultimately violated God’s law and Jesus’ own integrity. With what did Jesus respond, and how might you encourage yourself and others to do likewise?
8. Prayerfully read Psalm 27:14. In what ways might this verse be helpful in shaping the longings you and others have? Pray this over yourself and others.