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

Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, November 21, 10:30am. Connect with others and recieve support, encouragement and tools to help you deal with the pain of grief during this holiday season. Cost: \$5. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Thanksgiving Gathering & Offering

Wednesday, November 24, 6:30pm, Worship Center. An evening filled with prayer, worship, personal reflections and stories of God's faithfulness over the past year. This year's Thanksgiving offering will be shared with Arrive Ministries. Giving is open through November 30.

Career Opportunities

Use your gifts, talents and skills to bless NHC. See current career opportunities at newhopechurchmn.org/careers.

Art Gallery: In the Garden

Now–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. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/arts.

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.

Volunteer

Serve with the Worship or Tech teams. No experience necessary and training provided for Tech positions. Explore a variety of opportunities at newhopechurchmn.org/serve.

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INTENSITY Song of Solomon 4:9–10, 8:6–7

CONNECT

1. What is love? Let each person in your group give a short description of love (1–2 sentences). Love is rich, so no description will capture it all. Let your answers complement each other rather than compete with each other.

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- 2. When you discuss love, how does it make you feel (eager, cautious, defensive, protective, skeptical, etc.)? Why?
- 3. Read Solomon 4:9–10. Solomon expresses his love for his bride by stating that she captivates his attention, delightfully so. How often has God captivated your attention, delightfully so?
- 4. Solomon and his bride express their love for each other through romance and sexuality, as husband and wife. Their love blossoms only in the context of a committed marriage. Why? What is it about the nature of love that causes it to blossom in committed covenant relationships?
- 5. Read Romans 12:9–10. How are we to love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ? What would it feel like in church if we all loved each other this way?
- 6. God is the standard. He is love. As we love one another, He abides in us and His love is perfected in us (1 John 4:12). How does love demonstrate the gospel? How does love reveal God to those around us? (See John 15:9).
- 7. Read Ephesians 5:25–27. What is the effect of Christ-like love? What does Jesus' love accomplish for the Church? How does this help us to recognize genuine love in our relationships with each other?

ACTION

- 8. Think of the people who first told you the gospel of Jesus. How did they treat you? Did you feel loved by them? What can these stories teach us about how love and the gospel go together?
- 9. Pray for guidance, then think of a few people you know who need to hear the gospel. How can you love them well this week? How can you love them in such a way that you might open a door for them to receive Jesus eagerly?