

# Welcome to New Hope Church

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

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## UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

FOR WOMEN

**ELIJAH** by Priscilla Shirer  
WEDS • JAN 5 • AM & PM

FOR MEN & WOMEN

**PRECEPTS: JUDGES**  
MONS • JAN 3 • PM

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### Home for Christmas Message Series

Sundays, December 5–26. We all long for home, especially in a season of weariness and separation. Come home for Christmas and celebrate the arrival of the promised child. Watch at [newhopechurchmn.org/messages](http://newhopechurchmn.org/messages).

### Christmas Eve Gatherings

Friday, December 24, 2:30 & 4pm, Worship Center or livestream. "Make room" for the birth of our king. From the manger to the cross to the empty tomb, King Jesus is still on the move! Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/christmas](http://newhopechurchmn.org/christmas).

### Upcoming Bible Studies

Judges precepts study by Kay Arthur for men and women begins January 3. *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer for women begins January 5. Register at [newhopechurchmn.org/women](http://newhopechurchmn.org/women) or [newhopechurchmn.org/men](http://newhopechurchmn.org/men).

### Christianity & Culture Class

Sundays, January 9–23, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Gain understanding about your own cultures as well as other cultures as demonstrated by thoughtful biblical engagement. No registration required.

### Need Prayer?

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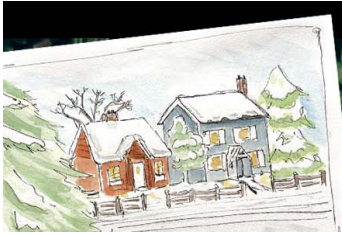
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# Discussion Guide

December 19, 2021

## BETHLEHEM'S PRAISE Luke 2:1–20

### CONNECT

1. Dr. Tim Keller writes, “To glorify someone is to praise, enjoy and delight in them.” In what ways have you praised, enjoyed and delighted in God lately? Why?

### GOING DEEPER

2. Read Psalm 117 in the English Standard Version. The word for “praise” is an intensive word implying boasting, celebrating and shining brightly. The word “extol” suggests giving commendation and doing so as one awestruck. Based on these descriptions, what are ways in which you can tangibly praise or extol the Lord?
3. Read Psalm 96:2, Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:10–11. What common theme unites these verses? Talk about the ways Jesus’ very name embodies this theme (see Matthew 1:21).
4. A key feature of the Christmas story is praise. Read through Luke 1:39–2:20. Recount the various ways in which praise, joy and glory are expressed. Talk about the who, the what and the why behind these expressions. What lessons do you learn?
5. The angels and the shepherds are quite public with their expressions of praise (Luke 2:13–14, 17–20). Psalm 96:3 invites us to declare God’s glory among the nations. Why does this public proclamation matter?
6. Regarding the previous question, how might the church best do this? What is your role?

### ACTION

7. Identify two or three specific things for which you want to give God praise, joy and glory. Take time to meaningfully sit with God and express these things.
8. Like the angels and shepherds of old, with whom might you share your joy regarding Jesus, His birth and His redemptive work?

**Celebrate [Christmas Eve](#) at New Hope Church!**