

# Welcome to New Hope Church

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

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FOR WOMEN

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

FOR MEN & WOMEN

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

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CHRISTIANITY  
AND  
Culture  
SUNDAY ELECTIVES

JAN 9-23  
10:30AM

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NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

### Conversations at the Table Message Series

Sundays, January 2-30. There's nothing like sitting at the dinner table with family and friends talking about the deeper things of life. Let's start 2022 by sitting "at the table" and learning what Hebrews 13:2-5 has to teach us. Watch at [newhopechurchmn.org/messages](http://newhopechurchmn.org/messages).

### 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).

### NHC App

A great resource for everything NHC—give, watch worship gatherings, find out about events. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play (New Hope Church MN).

### 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 needed.

### Need Prayer?

Share requests and pray for others on an interactive prayer wall. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/prayerwall](http://newhopechurchmn.org/prayerwall).

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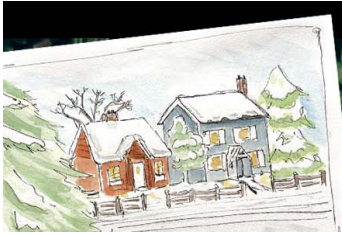
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# Discussion Guide

December 26, 2021

## THE TEMPLE'S PERSONIFICATION Luke 2:41-52

### CONNECT

1. Was there ever a time when you were left behind as a kid? Share the story.

### GOING DEEPER

2. Read Luke 2:41-52. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your heart to the power of God's Word.
3. Look at Jesus' response to His mother in verses 52-53. How do His two rhetorical questions strike you? What do you think He was trying to communicate that they did not understand?
4. In verse 51, it says that Mary "treasured up all these things in her heart." (A similar thing is found in Luke 2:19). What might Mary have specifically noticed that she wanted to hold onto?
5. In Jesus we see the fulfillment of God's promises. This story highlights a few of them:
  - **The Passover:** Jesus came to Jerusalem every year to celebrate Passover. How did His life fulfill the Passover?
  - **The Temple:** Jesus came to His "Father's house" and remained there. How did He ultimately make the temple accessible?
  - **The Word:** Jesus sought and had incredible understanding of God's Word. Where and how do we see Jesus described as being the Word?
6. We're told in verse 51 that Jesus was submissive to His parents for the years that followed. What's the significance of this? What does that teach us about Jesus?

### ACTION

7. Consider what God's purposes are for you in the coming year. What things are you pondering in your heart? What do you need to step out and act on? What do you need to wait and trust Him for the right timing?