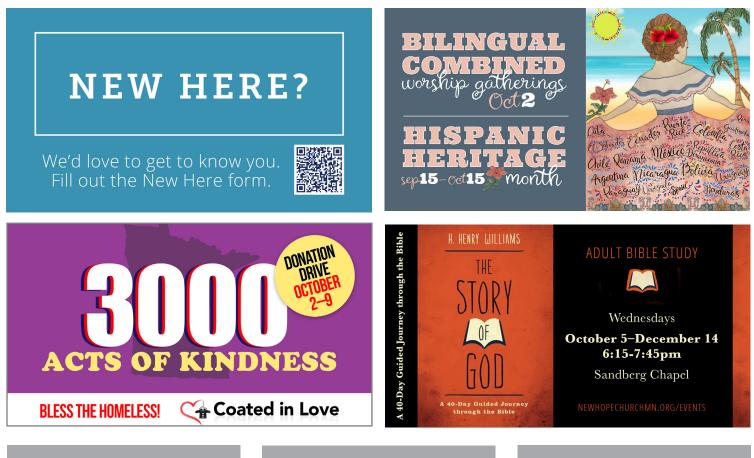
Welcome to New Hope Church

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



GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Conflict & Communication Class

Sundays, October 2–30, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel (*no class Oct 23*). Transforming conflict into a positive rather than a negative force is a spiritual pursuit and is grounded in biblical principles. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

3000 Acts of Kindness Donations

Collection dates: October 2–9. Help provide basic necessities for people experiencing homelessness. Drop off new items in the reception lobby. See donation list at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Calling Artists!

All Peoples Art Gallery: October 9–November 13. Express your unique artistic creativity and help others experience God's amazing diversity. Your choice of theme and media. Submit application by October 5 at newhopechurchmn.org/arts.

Story of God Adult Study

Wednesdays, October 5–December 14, 6:15–7:45pm, Sandberg Chapel. This nine-week study explains how each part of the Bible fits into the bigger story. Book cost: \$10. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Legacy Grandparenting Summit

October 20 & 21, 9am–4:30pm, Worship Center (simulcast). Maybe your grandkids are your calling? You can make an incredible impact on the spiritual direction of your grandkids. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Exploring New Hope: Membership Class

Sundays, October 23 & 30, 4–6pm, Sandberg Chapel. A twosession overview of the history, mission and ministries of New Hope Church. New member recognition: Sunday, November 20. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/membership.

Get the most current information at newhopechurchmn.org





THE BOLD COURSE IN TIMES OF UBER RIGHTS 1 Corinthians 9:19–20

CONNECT

1. TV and social media have a way of stirring up people's sense of rights and privilege, but they rarely share examples of people sacrificing for a stranger or someone outside their social/ethnic background. Can you think of a time (not just in the media) when you heard of someone sacrificing for another? What was the impact? Share a couple stories.

GOING DEEPER

- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19–20. What light does this passage shed on the point of sacrificing for someone different than us?
- 3. What was the freedom that Paul had? What did he do with his freedom? What was the alternative?
- 4. In what way does a Jew become a Gentile? (Hint: Law)
- 5. How is Paul's call to sacrifice for others similar to Jesus in Philippians 2:5–8? How is this an example of discipleship?
- 6. Abuse happens and we are called to seek justice, but what might be missing in our quest for biblical justice and discipleship?

ACTION

Think of one person (not a believer) who really bothers you because of their differences. At some point this week, seek them out and take time to humble your right, hear them out and seek to understand. Don't debate. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Pray and plan it out. Ask someone to pray for you and follow up on how it went. The objective is to show the person that you want to understand and walk in their shoes a bit. God may provide an opening to share Christ in the future. Be prepared to share how it went next week.

Write down the name and right/privilege being surrendered. _

Concluding Thought: The critical point is following the example of Christ to win another into eternity. For Paul (the uber Jew, the avenging sword, the theology chief, the protector of the faith) to be assigned to be the apostle to the enemy, the abusers, the Roman enslavers, the anti-messiah people is crazy. But he was used by God to change lives.

This is a bold course to chart and it must start with each one reaching one!