

Welcome to New Hope Church

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

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NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Lord of Hosts: Malachi Message Series

October 16–December 4. Where is God in moments of injustice? Has He forgotten us? Find hope as we remember through the prophet Malachi the way beyond the curse of sin and destruction—God's unending love. Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/messages.

Conflict & Communication Class

Class extended! Sundays, now–November 20, 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.

All Peoples Art Gallery

Now–November 13. Showcasing artwork that displays the deep diversity of artistic expression that is a part of this church body.

Exploring New Hope: Membership Class

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

Widows First Steps Care Group

Tuesdays, October 25–November 29, 1:30–3pm, Parent/Child Room. Led by someone who has been there, Widows First Steps addresses challenges and offers insight, encouragement and hope. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/caregroups.

Care Seminar: Freedom from Your Past

Saturday, November 5, 9am–12pm, Sandberg Chapel. God doesn't want us bound in our past. This seminar teaches biblical tools to find the freedom God wants for you. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care or 763-536-3215.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 16, 2022

A WORD IN SEASON Malachi 1:1

CONNECT

1. As we look around our world today, there are many beautiful things, but there is also brokenness, confusion and despair. If you were given a microphone and could give a “a word in season” to others, what would you say? What do you need to hear?

GOING DEEPER

2. Read Malachi 1:1. The word “oracle” literally means “heavy burden.” Has God’s Word ever felt like a heavy burden to you? Why might God’s Word feel that way to Malachi at the time he wrote these words?

The book of Malachi was written in the second half of the 5th century B.C. after 50,000 Israelites had returned from Babylonian captivity to Jerusalem. There were two returns: the first under Ezra and the second under Nehemiah. Nehemiah made two visits to Jerusalem and Malachi’s prophecy is written between these two times.

- a. Read Nehemiah 10:28–39. List out some of the obligations of the covenant the people commit to?
 - b. Read Nehemiah 13:6–31. The issues raised by Nehemiah are the same issues Malachi was raising. Take a moment and list out the issues Nehemiah raises that had not changed. How might these issues apply to us today?
3. Read Malachi 1:2a. What are the first words the Lord speaks to Israel amid uncertainty, unfaithfulness and confusing times? In what ways does that encourage you today?
 4. Some perceive the God of the Old Testament as strict and harsh in His punishments. What other Old Testament passages can you recall that show God to be a God of love (Exodus 34:6–7, Deuteronomy 7:7–8)? What life situations might lead someone to the conclusion that God doesn’t love him/her?
 5. What evidence of God’s sovereign love and grace can you point to in your life (Read Psalm 136 for prompts)?
 6. Read Proverbs 25:11. How would this “word” encourage God’s people of Malachi’s day? Of our day?

ACTION

7. What do your thoughts and actions say about what you love?
8. What needs to change in your life today for you to begin prioritizing the love of God?
9. How can believers demonstrate God’s love to a doubting world? What are some other Scripture passages that you could use with unbelievers this week to assure them that God loves them?