Welcome to New Hope Church

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



We'd love to get to know you. Fill out the New Here form.







Freedom from Your Past

Saturday » Nov 5 » 9am-12pm » Sandberg Chapel

Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care



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New Here?

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Young Adults Night of Worship

1st Fridays, November 4, 7–8:30pm, Student Center (upper) and livestream via Instagram. A place to be yourself, be in the presence of God and connect with others who want to do the same. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/youngadults.

Game Night with Disability Ministry

Tuesday, November 1, 7–8pm, Family Center. Enjoy an evening of playing games with new friends at Christian Glory Club. Refreshments provided. RSVP by October 31 to Disability Ministry or 763-536-3217.

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.

Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 12, 9am or Sunday, November 13, 10:30am. Recieve support, encouragement and tools to help you deal with the pain of grief during this holiday season. Cost: \$5. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

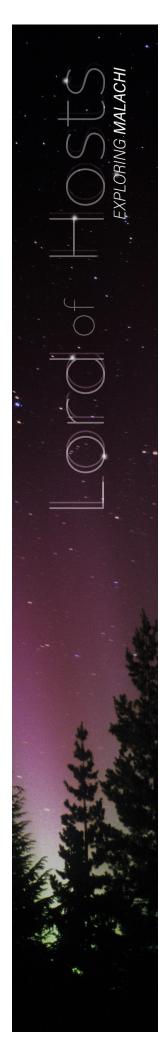
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 30, 2022

KINGDOM OF PRIESTS Malachi 1:6-2:9

CELEBRATE

1. Revelation 5:10 declares that through the work of Christ people from "every tribe and language and people and nation" have been made "a kingdom of priests to our God." That means you if you are a follower of Christ. What comes to your mind when you think of being a priest?

CONNECT

- 2. Read the first part of Malachi 1:6. What might it be like to be a father who is not honored by his child, or a master not respected by his servant? Have you experienced the sensation of being despised by those close by who should respect you?
- 3. Bible scholars have suggested the question at the end of verse 6 ("How have we despised your name?") betrays a resentment on the part of the priests toward God. Why might they resent God questioning their motives and actions? Do you relate to that, and if so, why?
- 4. Read through Leviticus 22:17–25. What does this teach about how we should approach God and why? See Malachi 1:14 for insight.
- 5. Consider Malachi 1:8. In what way do Christians today deal with God as did these priests of old? Think carefully about why we would choose to honor or celebrate people of power better than God Himself.
- 6. Based upon a survey of Malachi 2:1–9, how might you characterize God's posture toward those who take Him for granted, give Him the bare minimum, and have contempt for His name? See Jesus' words in Matthew 7:21–27 for further insight.

CONTRIBUTE

- 7. As Christians we are part of a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9). Process the ways priests ought to function as depicted in Malachi 2:5–7. In what ways might you and those around you faithfully embody these values?
- 8. Consider the wisdom of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:17 and Romans 12:1–2. How might such wisdom shape your proclamation of the gospel of Jesus among those around you? Be as specific as you can.