

Welcome to New Hope Church

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

NEW HERE?

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



A MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING

ONE THING 27:4

2ND MONDAYS | 6:30PM | WORSHIP CENTER

NEW HERE? MEET & GREET

**3rd
Sundays**

NHC

**10am
Conference
Room**

An Evening of Gratitude

THANKSGIVING GATHERING & OFFERING

Wednesday | November 23 | 6:30pm | Worship Center



50% of this year's offering goes to **East-West Ministries**

GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

One Thing 27:4 Prayer Gathering

2nd Mondays (November 14), 6:30-8pm, Worship Center. Join Pastor Matthew as we enter a time of scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based corporate prayer.

New Here Meet & Greet

3rd Sundays (November 20), 10-10:30am, Conference Room. New Here? We'd love to get to know you! Meet staff, elders and Pastor Matthew and help us get to know you.

Thanksgiving Gathering & Offering

Wednesday, November 23, 6:30pm, Worship Center. An evening filled with prayer, worship, personal reflections and stories of God's faithfulness over the past year. This year's Thanksgiving offering will be shared with [East-West Ministries](#). Giving is open through November 30.

Share a Story

We would love to hear how God is using people for kingdom work at New Hope Church and in our greater community. Submit a story at newhopechurchmn.org/contact-us.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Sundays, 10-10:30am, Student Center (upper level). Seeking God together for spiritual renewal. Prayer, worship and connection as we yield our hearts to the Lord. Everyone welcome!

Ways to Give

Thank you for your generous giving to New Hope Church. You can give through the NHC App, by check or online at newhopechurchmn.org/give.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 13, 2022

REFINER'S FIRE Malachi 2:17–3:5

CONNECT

1. Do you see God more as a God who confronts or a God who comforts?

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2. Read Malachi 2:17. How out-of-step are the people of God with the heart of God? Did they see themselves as being out-of-step with God? What kept them so out-of-step with God?
3. At the end of Malachi 2:17, the people ask, "Where is the God of justice?" In Malachi 3:1–5 God answers. What is God's answer to them?
4. Who is Malachi 3:1–4 talking about? How do you know? How could you prove it to someone who asked?
5. Read Mark 11:15–19. What would the crowd at the Temple have understood about Jesus if they remembered Malachi 3:1–5?
6. Read Malachi 3:4. Why do the people of God need to be refined? What happens if Jesus does not refine them? Based on your answers, what will happen if we don't let Jesus refine us today?
7. Read Malachi 3:5. Which sins in this list is our culture guilty of? Which sins in this list are we guilty of? Begin by praying through Psalm 19:12–13.

ACTION

8. If Jesus is like a refiner's fire, what does He need to refine in you? Take time to pray over this together. Confess to each other what the Lord is impressing on your heart. Encourage each other in the process of repentance.
9. Look over Malachi 2:17–3:5 again, this time through the lens of how to bring cultural change to an entire nation. Where does cultural change begin? Where does God come first? What implication does that have for us who want to see our nation change? To say it differently— if our nation is out-of-step with God, what does that say about the people of God in that nation?