# 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** 

#### **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 Ministies. 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.

#### Global Outreach—Go News

Want to know what NHC is doing "scattered" throughout the world? *Go News*, a monthly Global Outreach update, connects you to our global partners working among the nations. Contact Global Outreach to sign up.

#### **Care Seminar: Freedom from Your Past**

Rescheduled: Saturday, December 3, 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.

#### **Fireside Chat**

Sunday, December 4, 4:30pm, Fireside Coffee Shop. Q & A with Pastor Matthew. Ask questions, exchange ideas, share experiences and learn to care for one another well.

#### Women's Connect Night

Thursday, December 8, 6:30pm, Sandberg Chapel. An evening with food, a video, meaningful discussion and connection with other women. Learn more about winter Bible studies. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/women.

Get the most current information at newhopechurchmn.org



# **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

November 20, 2022

# FILL THE STOREHOUSE Malachi 3:6–12

### CONNECT

- 1. What was your first reaction when you noticed this week's message was about money? Why might that be?
- 2. Pause together and pray for God to give you open hearts to His Word.

# **GOING DEEPER**

3. Read Malachi 3:6–12.

- How would you summarize the situation in Israel described in this passage? What were the symptoms and what were the core issues?
- How does God's response in verses 10–12 sit with you? What's God's charge to them and what's His promise in return?
- 4. When have you seen God's provision and blessing in response to faithful giving of His people?
- 5. Look carefully at what Jesus says about tithing in Matthew 23:23. Does Jesus negate the expectation of God's people tithing or actually underscore it?
- 6. Think about some of Jesus' interactions and parables that center around money (the rich young ruler, "seek first the kingdom," parable of the talents, etc). Does it seem like He's lowering or raising the bar for His followers? How does that play out in how the early church approached money and resources?
- 7. Tithing was a part of the covenant between God and His people (see Leviticus 27:30–33). Step back and think more broadly. What was the point of the covenant? What was God trying to create and preserve through the covenant? How might that shape what should be the motivation for giving?
- 8. God's challenge to His people is to fill the storehouse of the Temple. What are some modernday equivalents to the storehouse?

# ACTION

9. In verse 7, God calls His people saying, "Return to me, and I will return to you." What's one way you can "return" to the Lord in the way you steward financial resources?