# 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.









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**NEED PRAYER?** 

**NEWS & GIVING REPORT** 

#### **Behold the Lamb Message Series**

Sundays, December 11–25. Find new hope because of the birth of the Lamb who came to take away the sins of the world—Jesus Christ. Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/watch.

#### **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. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

## **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.

#### **One Thing 27:4 Prayer Gathering**

2nd Mondays (December 12), 6:30-8pm, Worship Center. Join Pastor Matthew as we enter a time of scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based corporate prayer.

#### **Family Jingle Jam**

Wednesday, December 14, 6:15pm, Ministry Center. An unforgettable Christmas experience for the entire family. Be with friends, sing Christmas carols and walk through the Christmas story together. Bring your own mug for a special surprise. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

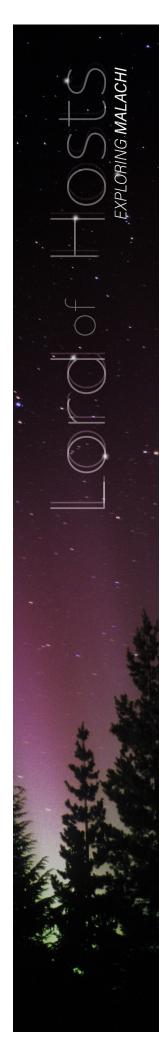
#### **Christmas Gatherings**

Saturday, December 24, 2:30 & 4pm & Sunday, 10:30am ONLY, Worship Center or livestream. Join us this Christmas as we gather to celebrate and behold the Lamb. All gatherings are identical. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/christmas.

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# **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

December 4, 2022

# **VOICE OF PROMISE** Malachi 4:4–6

### CONNECT

1. As we step into this Christmas season, what are the things you are looking forward to most?

#### **GOING DEEPER**

- 2. Consider Malachi 4:4. How can remembering Scripture help you live in obedience to God's plan and trust in His promises?
- 3. Malachi 4:5 speaks to an Elijah-like messenger who will prepare the way for the Lord's glorious return—His second coming. In what ways are you anticipating the glorious return of Jesus and how might you ready the world around you for such?
- 4. How do you see the advent of Jesus as an opportunity for reconciliation, like revealed in Malachi 4:6? What might God be calling us to with even the closest relationships we have—family, neighbors, etc.?
- 5. Malachi 4:5–6 suggests the Lord is delighted to withhold punishment. What does one more call to repentance reveal about God's character and His heart? See Malachi 1:2 for more insight.

#### **ACTION**

- 6. Malachi's prophecies anticipate both the first coming of Jesus (Christmas) and His second coming (Glorious Return). His coming brings both excitement and joy. How can you convey enthusiasm for both in these challenging days?
- 7. What are the concrete ways we can embody the hope of Jesus' coming? How can we ourselves be like Elijah or John the Baptist of old?