

# 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.



## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

TOTAL GIVEN TO EAST-WEST MINISTRIES

# \$41,049



## JINGLE JAM

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 14  
6:15-7:45p  
Ministry Center



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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](http://newhopechurchmn.org/watch).

### **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](http://newhopechurchmn.org/events).

### **New Here Meet & Greet**

3rd Sundays (December 18), 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.

### **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](http://newhopechurchmn.org/christmas).

### **Upcoming Bible Studies**

*2 Corinthians* precepts study by Kay Arthur for men and women begins January 9. *Galatians* by Beth & Melissa Moore for women and *Lamplighters: John 12-21* for men begin January 11. Register at [newhopechurchmn.org/women](http://newhopechurchmn.org/women) or [newhopechurchmn.org/men](http://newhopechurchmn.org/men).

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# Behold the Lamb

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 11, 2022

### RADICAL PREPARATION Luke 1:16–17

#### CONNECT

1. As this Christmas season unfolds, are there any spiritual traditions that you particularly value?

#### GOING DEEPER

2. The Christmas story is the story of one family (Jesus and John the Baptist are cousins—read Luke 1 & 2). In what way does Christmas bring together your family and what are the blessings or challenges of this?
3. God answered Zechariah and Elizabeth's prayers for a child. Which of your prayers do you believe are not being answered and how are you coping with what feels like God's silence?
4. Luke 1:16–17 tells us John's ministry is about turning people toward three things. What are the three things and why do they matter? See Luke 3:8–14 for further insight.
5. Why is it important to be a people prepared for Jesus and His kingdom? What does that look like for you?

#### ACTION

6. This Christmas, how will you be most prepared to receive the reconciling love of Jesus, live a reconciled life with someone close to you and do so with confident faith?
7. How can you use Luke 1:16–17 to share the gospel with your neighbor?