

## REVIEW

**Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)** — “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

In this new series, we want to give you the ability to answer with clarity, “Who is New Hope Church?”

- It is important that everyone who calls New Hope your “home church” to know who we are
- Because not all churches are the same, and they don’t all do the same things

Our core values create the internal compass that helps us navigate how to make decisions in life and ministry

- They serve as a lighthouse when the fog of life seems to leave you wandering in circles
- When you look into the heart of New Hope you find what we value

We have put our core values into four simple words which encompass what’s in our heart:

- Last week... We value **TRUTH**
  - The Bible is truth
  - God is truth

## TODAY... AT NEW HOPE WE VALUE TRIBE

### 1. What is \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tribe defined:

- “a collection of families descending from one ancestor”
- Matthew 24:30
- Revelation 7:9

It is expressed when we are in COVENANT relationship

- Acts 2:42-47
- Hebrews 10:25

We value TRIBE... we believe life is done best when experienced together

- 1 Corinthians 12:20-21, 26
- Sharing life together in committed relationships is an integral part of what it means to be a Christian

### 2. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ to a tribe.

God created us to live life in covenant relationships

- John 10:1-4
- Sheep-fold = a strong fenced enclosure for the protection of the sheep gathered within it

When you are not connected in covenant relationship with a tribe; when you don’t have a shepherd, who is watching out for your soul?

- Hebrews 13:17

**3. A \_\_\_\_\_ tribe is multi-GENERATIONAL and multi-CULTURAL.**

At New Hope we value every GENERATION equally!

A healthy tribe has clans made up of families who have/are:

- Little babies
- Kids in school
- Young adults in college or working
- Young marrieds just starting out
- Mature adults, productive & mentoring younger
- Senior adults with experience & wisdom to share

We want to see every generation utilize all their gifts, talents and resources to help extend God’s kingdom through the New Hope Church TRIBE

We also believe that our tribe will be stronger and more impactful if we are MULTICULTURAL

- We pray God would send us the black, brown, red, yellow and white
- Each culture has certain deposits from the Lord that are unique
- Revelation 7:9-10

There are TWO CRITICAL COMPONENTS for us to walk out this value of tribe:

- Acceptance
  - Everyone is at a different place in their spiritual journey
  - God has not called us to judge others, but rather to accept them and welcome them
  - Matthew 9:10-13
  - Romans 15:7
- Love
  - Mark 12:30-31... 1 Corinthians 13:13... 1 John 4:7-12... Galatians 6:7
  - John 13:35... Romans 13:8... Galatians 5:13... 1 Thessalonians 4:9... Hebrews 10:24... 1 John 3:11
  - 1 John 3:23... 1 John 4:7... 2 John 5–6

**WRAP UP: Now what?**

1. We value TRUTH
  - Renew your mind, and bring your thinking into alignment with the truth of scriptures
2. We value TRIBE
  - Everyone is called to be connected to a tribe
  - We believe a healthy tribe is multi-GENERATIONAL and multi-CULTURAL
  - The New Hope Tribe will demonstrate and live out LOVE and ACCEPTANCE of all who come and all who connect

**We are New Hope Church!**