

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Like a Good Neighbor
Message: What If I Just Don't Want To?
Speaker: Kim Feld
Date: September 21/22, 2019

What group of people do you have the most trouble viewing as your neighbor?

Read James 2:1-9:

¹ My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? ² For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. ³ If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor"—well, ⁴ doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? ⁵ Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? ⁷ Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? ⁸ Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

Can you remember a time when you favored a group or certain people over others? What were the circumstances? What made them favorable?

Read 1 Samuel 9:1-2. From outward appearance, Saul was well suited to be Israel's first king.

¹ There was a wealthy, influential man named Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land.

In 1 Samuel 16, God has rejected Saul and has His eye on Israel's next king, David. As Samuel looks at the sons of Jesse, he thinks Eliab must be the one. Read what God says to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:7. What does this tell you about God's priorities?

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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³⁷ Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT)

Prejudice is defined as "preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience."

Bias is defined as "prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair."

We all need to be aware of our human nature to be biased.

¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which

is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. ¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. ¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:16-23 (NLT)

He wants us to think about others the way Jesus thinks about us. He wants us to act toward others the way Jesus acts toward us.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:3-11 (NLT)

We have the Holy Spirit to reform our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions toward others to more and more reflect the heart of God.

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

Matthew 3:8 (NLT)



Like a Good Neighbor...

Jesus had a top-two list for us and it goes like this: 1.) Love God and 2.) Love others. This is very clear. Unfortunately, we tend to filter those instructions through all kinds of personal preferences, biases, stereotypes and prejudices. Together, let's take a new look at what Jesus intended with those instructions and encourage each other to get busy with our assignment.

FIRST TIME GUESTS We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

FAM night

SEPTEMBER 29TH • 5:30-8:00
6TH - 12TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS INVITED

**PIZZA, GAMES, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
SERVICES, A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON WHAT TO LOOK
FORWARD TO THIS YEAR, THEN GET CONNECTED WITH
YOUR STUDENT'S SMALL GROUP LEADER.**



The Landing is a group for students in 6th-12th grade who want help dealing with difficult life issues. Being a teenager today is tough and sometimes things can just plain suck. This is safe place to talk openly about real life.

This week we're talking about anxiety. Pretending that anxiety isn't real won't make it go away. The good news is that God gives us a strategy to deal with our anxiety in a healthy way.

The Landing meets on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm. Learn more at www.thingscansuck.com or send an email to info@thingscansuck.com or 703.971.4673 ext 120. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook @thingscansuck.

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HeART THURSDAY & SEPT 26 2019 AN EVENING WITH CHEF ROCK HARPER + FRIENDS SOLE

The party that provides
#onemillionmeals for hungry and
homeless neighbors

Like those Mission Muffins? Then you'll love HeArt & Sole, Central Union Mission's party that strives to provide #onemillionmeals for people experiencing homelessness. Hell's Kitchen winner Chef Rock Harper and friends will share gourmet creations inspired by their favorite "sole," September 26th at 7:00 pm. We'll feature local artists, signature cocktails, live entertainment and every Mission Muffin treat you care to sample—all to support neighbors with food, shelter and employment programs like Mission Muffins. The cost is \$100. Better yet, come to the VIP event at 6:00 pm for a star chef "Chopped" competition with celebrity sous chefs, complimentary nibbles and a swag bag. More fun, more compassion. The VIP cost is \$175. Visit heartandsole.today for tickets and details. New Hope friends, enter promotion code NEWHOPE for a 20% ticket discount.

QUALITY 5K RUN/WALK RIGHT IN LORTON!

HOPE FOR HELP

5K RUN/WALK

OCTOBER 19TH, 2019

Run Thru the Crosspointe Community

**AMAZING COLOR RUN FOR AGES 2-12!
VIRTUAL & TEAM OPTIONS**



The seventh annual Hope for Help 5K Run/Walk will take runners and walkers through the beautiful Crosspointe subdivision in Lorton and promises a fast finish. The course is great for race enthusiasts as well as families and friends coming out to walk the course and experience the thrill of being a part of a great cause. With the Chronotrack timing system, coupled with a fast course, the run promises awesome and accurate "chip times" at this 5K.

A Mini Color Run is a unique experience focused less on "speed" and more on "crazy color fun" for the kids. Color runners come from all different ages and speeds; but everyone participating has a blast! Color Run races will be broken up by age groups (all under the age of 12) and take place entirely on the New Hope Church campus. It's a great way to end the event by watching your kids have a blast. Medals and t-shirts for all participants!

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED OR TO REGISTER, GO TO HOPEFORHELP5K.COM TODAY!

All of the proceeds for this event will benefit Feed My Starving Children, an organization committed to feeding starving children around the world.



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Parent/Child Dedication



Join us for the
fall Parent/Child
Dedication

Oct 12th at 10 am

Parent/Child Dedication is a time to stop and take a moment in your busy lives as parents to make a conscious decision to be intentional as you raise your child. It's also a time to commit to partnering with the church as you embark on this journey, because parenting is hard and shouldn't be done alone. Parent/Child dedication is a beautiful ceremony of love, commitment, and celebration. Please join us for parent information meetings after all three services this weekend, September 21/22. For more information or to sign up, please email PCD@newhope.org.

The Glorious Mess: Who We Are & How We Relate

October 5th
9 am - 4:30 pm



The Lay Counselor Institute
Preparing Believers for the Care of Others

This day-long workshop looks at dimensions of human nature and relationships: what they reveal about our lives and what kind of path we are hoping for, especially in the midst of suffering and struggle. How do we reconcile the contradiction between our own dignity & depravity? How do we interact, mentor, and advise others in the same boat? What/who is the source of hope? What biblical truths can we claim? How are we really a Glorious Mess?

Cost: \$95/individual or \$35/Glorious Mess alumni

To register go to: bit.ly/fallgloriousmess



OVER THE EDGE

OVERCOMING FEAR & STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

**Women's One-Day Conference with
Guest Speaker Michele Rigby Assad**

**Saturday, September 28th at New Hope
8 am-3:30 pm**

Cost: \$30 - includes breakfast and lunch

Register by September 22nd at bit.ly/herfall2019

Questions? Email Karena.Rowenhorst@newhope.org

Ladies - join us for worship, discussion groups, and a live speaker you will never forget! Michele Rigby Assad is a former undercover officer in the Central Intelligence Agency. Working for the CIA, she served in treacherous areas throughout the Middle East—a woman leading some of the most highly skilled operatives on the planet. The threats were real. The missions were perilous. And deep inside, Michele wondered: Could she really do this job or had she misunderstood her life's calling? Michele will share her story of incredible struggle, of unexpected challenges and thwarted missions, and most significantly, of powerfully realizing what really matters in the face of her greatest fears.

FINANCE UPDATE - AUGUST OFFERING

AUGUST BUDGET \$185,235

AUGUST ACTUAL \$184,827

YTD BUDGET \$1,519,168

YTD ACTUAL \$1,457,375

YTD OVER/(UNDER) (\$61,793)



Calling all crafters and DIY experts! All proceeds from our Christmas Market go to fund our upcoming mobilepack with Feed My Starving Children, happening here at New Hope on November 22-24. There are many ways that you can be involved:

Volunteer – we have lots of areas to help. Sign up at: bit.ly/2019cmvol

Be a Market Participant (please note that participants donate all the proceeds from the sale of their items to our work with FMSC). Sign up at: bit.ly/2019cmparticipant

Be a Vendor – this is for those of you who own your own businesses and would like to register for a table to sell your product. Sign up at: bit.ly/2019cmvendor

Questions? Contact Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org

mark your calendar

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09.26
Heart & Soul

09.28
HER Retreat

09.29
Fam Night

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10.12
Parent/Child
Dedication

10.19
Hope for Help
5K/Color Run

10.26
Men's
Breakfast

10.27
Mission Muffins

10.27
Discovering
Partnership

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11.02
Baptism
Celebration

11.10
Mission Muffins

11.16
Holiday of
Hope Begins

11.22
FMSC
Mobilepack

11.23
Coat Drive
Begins

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12.07
Christmas
Market

12.14
Family
Breakfast

12.18
Women's
Wrap & Eat

12.22
Mission Muffins



This week, we'd like to recognize one of our Hall of Fame volunteers. **Magda Ortiz** has been serving on the Greeter/Usher Team for eight years! She serves faithfully and she serves OFTEN! **Thank you, Magda!** We truly love your heart for serving New Hope and God! We couldn't do without you! If you'd like to find out more information about volunteering, please send an email to carolann.gregoire@newhope.org.

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