

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Church, Why Bother?
Message: I Don't Like What I See
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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This week, we exposed four ways the church has wrongly represented Jesus and what we should be doing instead.

The following episode from Jesus' life is a perfect case study in representing God wrongly and rightly. In this situation, Jesus is surrounded by a large crowd who are listening carefully. Imagine you are there watching this show-down between Him and His opponents.

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 8:1-11 (NIV)

How do you see the four ways the church gets it wrong play out in this confrontation?

What do the Pharisees and teachers value most?

What does Jesus value most?

Why do you think the woman and not the man she was with were brought out publicly?

What was the woman expecting?

Jesus forgives her and then says, "Go and leave your life of sin." How do you think she reflected on things when she went home?

What will you take away from this as you think about and respond to people around you?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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The best and worst advertising for Jesus is the church.

Four Ways the Church Gets it Wrong and Can Do Better

Judging others rather than loving them.

⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"

⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. ⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" ¹¹ "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

John 8:6-11 (NLT)

Ranting about/to others rather than listening to them.

¹⁵ Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

Acting hypocritically rather than humbly.

¹ Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.

² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³ And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)

Accommodating what God says is wrong rather than courageously representing truth.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV)



WHY BOTHER?

If you are not satisfied with the church, you're not alone. It's no secret it gets a bad rap, and many who have grown up around the church don't want to have anything to do with it. Some who have never stepped foot inside are skeptical, because it is widely viewed as outdated, boring, irrelevant and filled with backbiting hypocrites. And let's face it, we don't always make it easy for people. Churches can be all-consuming, taking over your limited spare time, becoming the focus of your social life and taxing your emotions and energy...not to mention your bank account. The truth is, the church is God's family. God came to meet us squarely in the middle of our struggles where He offers us the help, empathy, and grace we need. His church is the community He created, so we can grow more and more like Him, transforming the world with His message of love. Join us as we learn how to be the church as God intended. ***This week: I Don't Like What I See.***

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 God 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!**



#MADENEW

It's time to try something new!

**Our next baptism event will be on
Saturday, June 15th, and it won't look like
anything we've done before.**

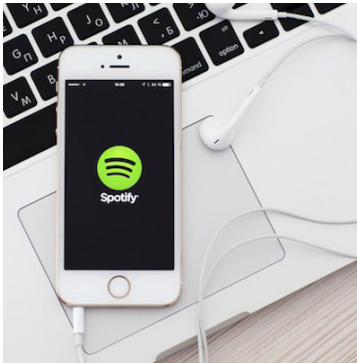
**Baptism information meetings will follow
each service the weekend of May 18/19.**

**More information coming
next week...stay tuned.**

MISSION MUFFINS

Mission Muffins, part of Central Union Mission's Ready2Cook program, is here this **Sunday**. When you purchase their delicious baked goods, you are helping equip a homeless or unemployed individual return to society. Visit the table in the front lobby before or after the service. But don't wait too long - they sell out quickly!

Who knew doing good could taste so good?



Have you ever sat in a weekend service and heard a song you wanted to listen to or buy, but didn't know the title or artist's name? Well, we've fixed that for you. On Spotify, you'll find the current pre-service playlist, as well as playlists from previous weekends. Spotify is free and easy to use. **Simply go to open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton** to get your free Spotify account and subscribe to follow New Hope Church.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY



Life can be tough, but you don't have to go through it alone. We want to remind you of two ministries that can help you navigate the tough times. For those 18 years old and older, we have Celebrate Recovery (CR). CR meets Friday nights at 7 pm. You can reach CR at celebraterecovery@newhope.org. For students in middle and high school, we have The Landing. The Landing meets every Tuesday night at 7 pm. You can find more information about The Landing at info@thingscansuck.com.

We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and enjoy giving them a special shout out. This week, we'd like to recognize **Adam & Caroline Lucariello**. Adam serves in our Remix area and Caroline works with our Sprouts kids. Adam & Caroline have been serving since our Fall Ministry Fair. They are always happy to serve where needed and both have recently taken on lead roles. **Thank you, Adam & Caroline.** We are so grateful to have you as part of our Kids' Time Team! If you are ready to serve with our kids, send an email to jessica.woodcock@newhope.org.



Join New Hope Church for another exciting group outing with the Potomac Nationals at Northwest Federal Field at Pfitzner Stadium. This fundraiser raises money for New Hope's work with Feed My Starving Children with each ticket sold! There are two ticket options – one that is just a ticket and another that is a ticket plus food voucher combo. The food voucher comes with your choice of a burger or hot dog, chips, and a soda. Children 5 and under attend the game free of charge (food not included). **To purchase your tickets, go online to bit.ly/hitsforhunger2019 | Password is hope2019.**

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