

**TAKE HOME SHEET**



**Series:** Moving Forward  
**Service:** Taking Our Next Steps  
Deliberately  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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**Here is a worksheet to help each of us move forward in a positive direction this year:**

**Devote yourself to learning and living out the truth of God's Word.**

- Each week, go through the Take Home Sheet from the weekend message.
- Begin reading the Bible every day using New Hope's Bible Reading Plan.
- Join Prayer Night on Monday evenings, as we look at the reading that week and how to apply it.
- Join a Journey Group.
- Other ideas...

**Devote yourself to being vitally and genuinely connected with our church family.**

- Become a Partner of New Hope by attending the online Discovering Partnership Class.
- Decide to attend service each week on campus if at all possible.

- If away, watch the service online.
- Sign up to serve on a Ministry Team.
- Attend a Small Group.
- Support the church financially as an act of worship and thanksgiving to Christ.
- Other ideas...

**Devote yourself to praying with and for each other, and that we all will be bold in living and sharing our faith.**

- Regularly ask specifically how you can pray for others you know at New Hope.
- Ask others to pray specifically for you, as you grow in your faith and trust in Jesus.
- Pray with others in person or on the phone.
- Pray for people around you who aren't followers of Jesus and ask God to help you to be a positive example.
- Ask God to help you see and take advantage of opportunities to explain your faith, invite others to church, etc.
- Other ideas...

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NASB – New American Standard Bible  
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—<sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42–47 (NLT)

**If Luke were writing today about the modern church in the US, he might say...**

"A shrinking number of the believers devoted themselves to learning and living by the truth of God's Word, staying vitally connected with their church community and praying with and for each other. A deep lack of enthusiasm and interest limited any significant displays of God's power and presence. A few of the believers met together and generously shared what they had. Others sold

their property and possessions and bought bigger and newer ones for themselves. They preferred to worship individually in the convenience and isolation of their own homes and seldom connected with others in the church. The result was that their influence on those around them who were not followers of Christ had very little impact."

**Moving forward this year, let's decide to follow the example of the first followers:**

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NLT)

**Devote ourselves to learning and living out the truth of God's Word.**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)

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<sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT)

**Devote ourselves to praying with and for each other, and that we will be bold in living and sharing our faith.**

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup> praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup> Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

Colossians 4:2–6 (NASB)