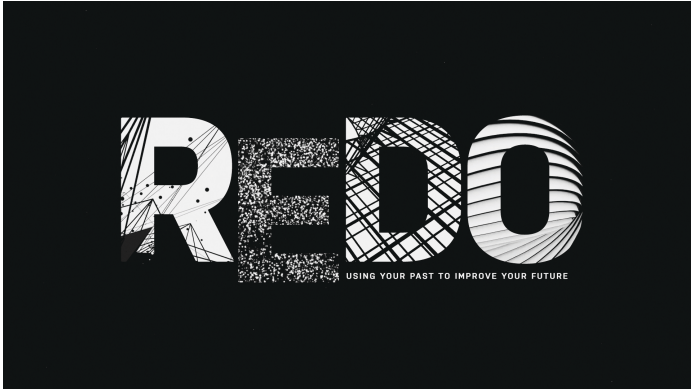


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: REDO
Message: The Truth is Our Friend
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Take a few minutes and thoughtfully answer the following:

Where or to whom do I consistently go for answers to issues and problems I face?

How often do I pursue what God says in the Bible to inform my thinking?

If wisdom from the Bible isn't the first place I go to find answers and guidance, why?

Listen to what Jesus says as He prayed for all of His followers:

17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. 19 And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

John 17:17-19 (NLT)

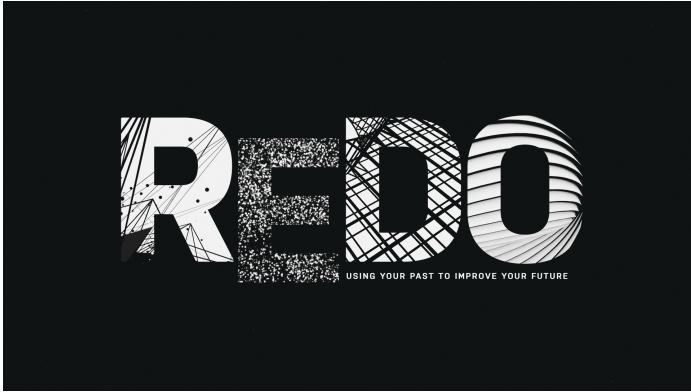
Here are some simple ways to build truth in my life:

- Start following New Hope's Bible Reading Plan (www.nhcbpr.com)
- Ask someone to join me in reading the Bible Reading Plan and talk about it each week
- Review the message notes every week and make one personal application

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹³ Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

John 17:13-19 (NLT)

world (def): system of values, beliefs and behaviors not reliant on God

holy (def): set apart for special use

truth (def): the actual fact or facts about a matter

The Bible is for those who are serious about getting their life on track with God and His plans.

If I pursue getting my attitudes and actions aligned with God, I will be blessed.

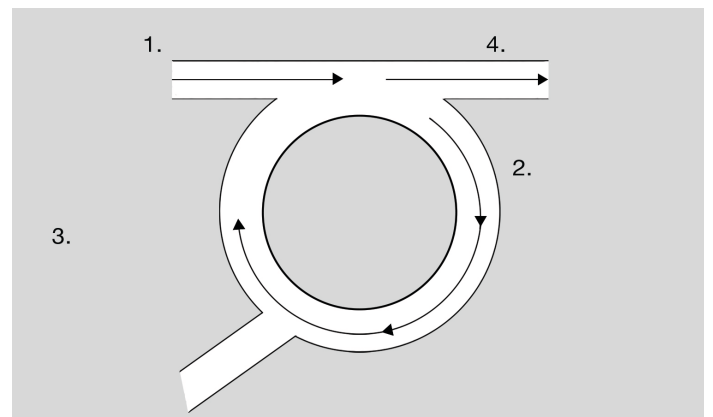
Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

How it works:

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)





Our past mistakes can take control of our lives and define us. If we dwell on the past and give up, there is no hope for positive change. But, the good news is that Jesus offers us forgiveness, hope and power – genuine power - to change! We don't have to be defined by our past. Instead, we can learn from it and move forward with purpose and hope, and in the process, make a real difference in the world.

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!**



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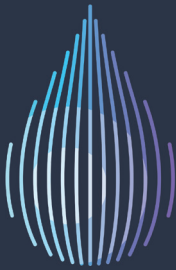
WHAT IS PARTNERSHIP?

SIGN-UP FOR THE DISCOVERING PARTNERSHIP CLASS

For those of you ready to investigate partnership at New Hope, we're offering a Discovering Partnership Class on Sunday, January 26th from 12:45 - 2:45 pm. We'll provide lunch and childcare. Please sign up at bit.ly/dpcjan2020. You'll learn our vision and values. We'll also explain the five core values, heart attitudes and theological distinctives our church lives by. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a partner of New Hope.



Come to an interest meeting about the summer Uganda trip on Sunday, January 19th at 12:45 pm in the Large Room upstairs. We'd love for you to step outside of your comfort zone to experience the pure joy and deep faith of the Ugandan people; worship that moves you to tears; plus love and laughter being engulfed by children longing for affection. You'll also witness the camaraderie of a team of Christ followers who are passionate about serving the poor in a country so different than ours. Then...experience a shift in your own perspective and heart towards the things that matter to God. Please RSVP to Jenny at theherzogs1@verizon.net or let us know on your comm card.



BAPTISM

THE BEST NEXT STEP

We believe baptism is an important step for everyone who has decided to trust and follow Jesus. It's an outward declaration of a growing inner faith and relationship with Jesus. Our next Baptism Celebration is on Saturday, February 1st at 2 pm. If you've never been baptized, this might be the perfect time. Learn more at one of the Baptism Information Meetings after all three services the weekend of January 18/19. You can also sign up or ask questions by emailing us at baptism@newhope.org.



ATTENTION MEN - WE'VE DECIDED TO PUNT!

The men's retreat is now scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd. More details coming soon!

group link

The best way to get connected and grow in your faith is to join a small group! God designed people to live

and grow in community, so we encourage EVERYONE to be in a small group. If you've wanted to try a group, but haven't taken the step to join yet, we have an event especially designed for you!

GroupLink is where people connect with others in their same stage of life and/or area of town to form small groups. Groups that form through GroupLink will meet weekly in member's homes to connect, look at God's word, and pray together. These groups are open for all adults, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. Each group typically has around 6-12 people.

GroupLink will happen here at New Hope on Sunday, January 19th from 1 - 3 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided, but you must register in advance at bit.ly/jan2020grouplink. Questions? Contact Dan Dever at dan.dever@newhope.org.



This year's Bible Reading Plan (BRP) will encourage you to explore and develop disciplines in your life to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Think of a discipline as a habit that deeply influences your life. Each month is devoted to a different spiritual discipline or habit. Richard J. Foster, author of *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* defines spiritual disciplines as "...the means of God's grace for bringing about genuine

personality formation characterized through and through by love and joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and faithfulness and gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)." Spiritual disciplines are practices we do or habits we develop with the end result of being more like Jesus. We would like to encourage you to read *Celebration of Discipline* along with the BRP. You can purchase it on Amazon.com. The BRP can be found at newhope.org or hard copies are available at Guest Services.

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1.18-19

Baptism Info Meetings

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Grouplink

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Uganda Mtg

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Winter Bash

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Mission Muffins

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Discovering Partnership

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Baptism Info Meetings

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Good Friday

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Easter Services

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Baptism Celebration

4.26

Mission Muffins



The Landing is a for students in 6th-12th grade who want help dealing with difficult life issues. It's a safe place to talk openly about real life, learn new ways of coping, and have a little fun. The Landing meets on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm. Learn more at www.thingscansuck.com. You can also email info@thingscansuck.com or call 703.971.4673 ext 120. **This month we're talking about depression.** Join us to learn what God has to say about it.

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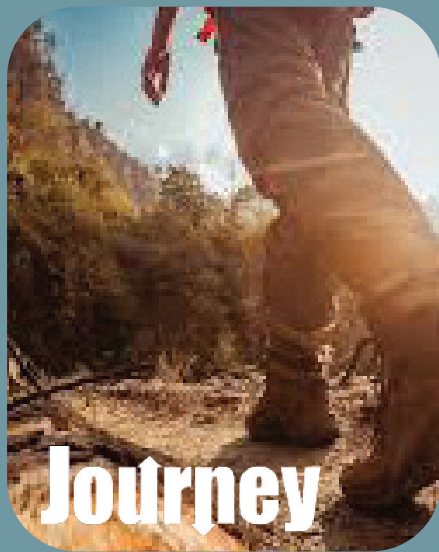
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In addition to long-term groups, we offer topic-based, short term groups, called Journey, at least twice a year. For 2020, the first session officially begins Thursday, January 30th. These groups vary in length and start dates, so please look at the descriptions below for details. We offer childcare for each of these groups for a nominal fee to help offset the cost, as our childcare workers are not volunteers. The only exception is Starting Point, which occurs during our Saturday evening service. Questions? Contact Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org.

GriefShare is a 13-week support group that offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. There are three key parts to the GriefShare experience: a video seminar featuring encouraging, information-packed sessions with leading grief experts; small group discussion about the weekly video content; and workbook journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics. This group begins Thursday, January 30th at 7 pm. Questions? Please contact Jim Morgans at jim.morgans@newhope.org. Register at bit.ly/griefsharejan20.

Financial Peace University (FPU): We all need a plan for our money. FPU is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! This is a nine-week class that meets on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm starting February 6th. Questions? Contact Tom Dolan at tdolan1@comcast.net To Register please go to bit.ly/fpujan20.

Financial Peace Preview: When was your last money fight? When was the last time you paid a bill late? Do you have a car loan, student loan or credit card? In Financial Peace University, you'll learn to communicate with your spouse about money, put together a spending plan that works, and completely eliminate debt. While completing the class, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 within nine weeks. FPU is more than just a money class. Come to our free preview on January 30th from 7 - 8 pm to find out more. Questions? Contact Tom Dolan at tdolan1@comcast.net. To register go to <http://bit.ly/fpujan20preview>.

Couple's Journey Group: Have you ever put spaghetti on your waffle? If you're married you have! This new Journey class for married couples looks at the differences between men and women, and helps couples work through and take advantage of these differences to build stronger relationships. The class will use the book *Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti* by Bill & Pam Farrel to take a refreshing, humorous look at relationships that is designed to help couples know each other better and work to overcome the negative aspects of differences and accentuate the positive aspects. The authors explain why a man is like a waffle (each element of his life is in a separate box), why a woman is like a plate of spaghetti (everything in her life touches everything else), and how the differences can work for you. Biblical insights, sound research, humorous anecdotes, and real-life stories make this guide entertaining and practical.

This six-week group begins on Thursday, January 30th at 7 pm and will be led by Bill and Lorna Soderberg. The book can be purchased through Amazon.com. Please pick up a copy before class begins. Questions? Contact Lorna Soderberg at lornasoderberg@gmail.com. Register at bit.ly/couplesjan20.

Starting Point is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. It is a safe place for people with questions about faith, as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity. Groups meet for nine weeks to explore the grand story of the Bible.

You may have questions you've always wondered about, but never felt you could ask at church, legitimate questions that would make many Christians uncomfortable. Ask them - nothing is off-limits. We want to have conversations about the stuff that really matters to you—even when it's difficult to talk about—especially when it's difficult to talk about.

Starting Point is designed for:

SEEKERS: those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity

STARTERS: those who have just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ

RETURNERS: those who have some church experience, but have been away for a while

This group will begin on Saturday, January 25th with a preview week and end on Saturday, March 28th. We'll meet at New Hope during the Saturday 5:30 pm service. If you have children, please check them into Kids' Time like you would for a service. The group will end when the service ends at 6:30pm. Questions? Contact Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org. To register, please go to bit.ly/startingpointjan20.