

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Kingdom Matters
Message: Blessed are the Gracious and Honorable
Speaker: Brandon Pendleton
Date: February 16/17, 2019

What impacted you in this week's message?

Why is it so important to be merciful and pure in heart?

Read Matthew 5:7, Matthew 9:13 and Matthew 6:15. Do you notice any common themes?

Where do you need grace and mercy most today?

Think of someone that needs your mercy or grace. What steps can you take to extend mercy or grace to them?

Read Malachi 3:2-3. What area(s) in your life do you see God working to purify your heart?

Take a moment to pray for yourself, the local and global church, and how we can be a greater reflection of God's mercy and purity in this world.

Take time and pray for others that you know who need mercy and grace.

If you don't currently have a regular plan for reading and learning your Bible, please check out New Hope's Bible Reading Plan by going to nhcbrp.com.

MESSAGE NOTES



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Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7 NIV

What's Mercy?

- **Grace = forgiveness for the guilty.**
- **Mercy = Compassion for their misery.**

...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy...

Titus 3:5a (NIV)

How can I be merciful?

- **I can include those who are different.**
- **I can restore those who've done wrong.**

- **I can support those who are discouraged.**
- **I can serve those who are disadvantaged.**
- **I can endure those who are difficult.**
- **I can love those who disagree.**

Why focus on giving mercy?

- **Because we've received it.**
 - **It proves our relationship with God.**
 - **It protects our fellowship with God.**
- **Because other people need it.**

Pure = free from pollution, mixture or foreign elements

Heart = command and control center that governs our thoughts, feelings and actions

How to Develop a Pure Heart:

- **Purity is motivated by pleasing God.**
- **Purity is protected by obeying God.**
- **Purity is powered by the Spirit of God.**
- **Purity is restored by honesty toward God.**

Go to newhope.org and click on messages to download this week's Take Home Sheet or stop by Guest Services to pick one up.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible



Jesus was no stranger to politics, power struggles or jockeying for authority. He knew how the world operated and how the quest for control corrupted people and institutions. In the midst of the struggle, Jesus offered an alternative – the gift of an invitation to a new kingdom. All who accepted would discover a ruler devoted to his citizens, who would never mistreat or abandon them. That invitation is still open to us. This kingdom has a very different set of beliefs, values and behaviors that in many ways seem upside down. In this series, we will study what Jesus tells us about His kingdom and how His followers live. ***This week: Blessed are the Gracious and Honorable.***

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 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!**

MISSION MUFFINS

Mission Muffins, part of Central Union Mission's Ready2Cook program, will be here **next Sunday**. When you purchase their delicious baked goods, you are helping equip a homeless or unemployed individual return to society. Stop by the front lobby after the service!

Who knew doing good could taste so good?

Attention Parents! Next weekend we will celebrate Baptism at all three of our weekend services. We want our kids, age kindergarten and up, to share in the joy and learn about this important step in our faith. All Remix and Revolution students will be included in the service with their family.



FINANCE UPDATE - JANUARY OFFERING

JANUARY BUDGET \$168,396

JANUARY ACTUAL \$147,335

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OVER/(UNDER) (\$21,061)

Parent/Child Dedication



Our spring Parent/Child Dedication will be on Saturday, March 23rd at 10 am. Please stop by the children's check-in counter or guest services to pick up the Parent Booklet. We'll have Parent Information Meetings after each service the weekend of March 2/3. For more information or to sign up, please email PCD@newhope.org.



New Hope is collecting toiletry items to help those affected by the partial shutdown of the U.S. Government. All donations will be delivered to the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) and distributed to local families. There is a collection area in the front lobby of the church for you to drop off your items. Additionally, the Kid and Student Ministries of New Hope Church, along with the Silo Center Programs, will be collecting new, white crew socks for the Central Union Mission in D.C. for distribution to the homeless population. The socks will be collected during the month of February and can be dropped off in the front lobby. To make things a little easier, you can also purchase sock vouchers online at bit.ly/nhcsocks. Thank you!

Toiletry items being collected:

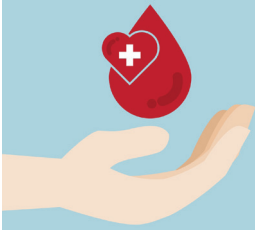
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Bar Soap

Please note: All items should be new and sealed. Thanks!

We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and truly appreciate all they do for us. **This week, we would like to recognize Missy Pratt.** Missy has been sharing her gifts leading worship in many different capacities with our Worship Team for years. She is also an integral part of the New Hope Prayer Team. If you are in need of prayer, please write it on your comment card or send an email to prayer@newhope.org. Missy and the prayer team will devote their time praying over your situation. **Thank you, Missy!** We appreciate all that you do!

If you are ready to serve in one of our many ministry opportunities, email Carol Ann at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org. She will be happy to help you find the place that's just right for you.



DONATE BLOOD **EVERY TWO SECONDS SOMEONE** **NEEDS A BLOOD TRANSFUSION!**

Sign up today for the New Hope Church Blood Drive and help save a life. Inova Blood Donor Services will be located in the main atrium. Make your life-saving appointment today!

Saturday, March 2nd • 11 am to 3 pm

Sign up at bit.ly/NewHopeChurch0302 or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES

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