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Some questions to consider:

Why is knowing the history and uniqueness of the Bible so important?

What impacted you in this week's message?

Read and discuss the following scriptures. What stands out to you?

2 Peter 1:12-21

John 7:16-18

What are some next steps you can take to continue your education on the truth of the Bible and about Jesus?

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.

The Museum of the Bible is a world-class resource for learning about the Bible. To find out what it offers and to plan a visit, go to MuseumoftheBible.org.

For additional materials on apologetics, please check out www.rzimacademy.org or other resources by C.S. Lewis, Michael Ramsden, Ravi Zacharias, Amy Orr-Ewing, Tom Price, Stuart McAllister or John Lennox.

MESSAGE NOTES

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Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own.

John 7:17 (NLT)

The Trustworthiness of the Bible

Truth – actuality or in accordance with fact

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

John 17:17 (NLT)

Evidence of the Bible's Reliability

Historian Steve Sanders - model for testing historical writings

- <u>Bibliographical</u> Test <u>Total</u> Manuscripts Over Time
- Internal Test The Author's Assertion
- External Test Third-party Statements

The Gospels were written in four different locations:

- Matthew Judea
- Mark Rome
- Luke <u>Antioch (Greece)</u>
- John Ephesus (Turkey)

The writers were familiar with the geography, agriculture, botany, architecture, traditions, burial practices, economics, laws and culture of the area they described.

External Test – Third-party Statements

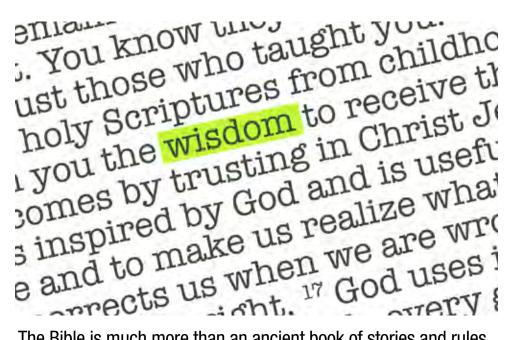
- Tacitus Roman historian and senator
- Suetonius Roman historian
- Pliny the Younger Roman governor
- Josephus Jewish historian
- Babylonian Talmud collection of Jewish rabbi writings
- Lucian of Samosata Greek satirist
- Mara bar Serapion Syrian philosopher

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..."

John 14:6a (NLT)

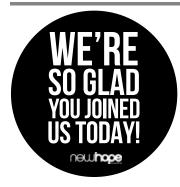
Go to newhope org and click on messages to download this week's Take Home Sheet or stop by Guest Services to pick one up.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS: NLT – New Living Translation



The Bible is much more than an ancient book of stories and rules. It claims to be the wisdom of God to instruct, guide and protect us. This three-part series will explain the origin of the Bible, why we can trust it, and then how each of us can learn and apply its wisdom to our lives. This week... **Word to the Wise.** Like any writing that calls for obedience, the Bible should have evidence that indicates it is trustworthy. We will primarily focus on the New Testament in this message.

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 are honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring whether or not God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing everyone the love of Jesus and help them establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 · 6 PM

JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH NEW HOPE CHURCH AND OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE OVER 12 MILLION MEALS AND OVER 33 THOUSAND CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN FED THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2010.

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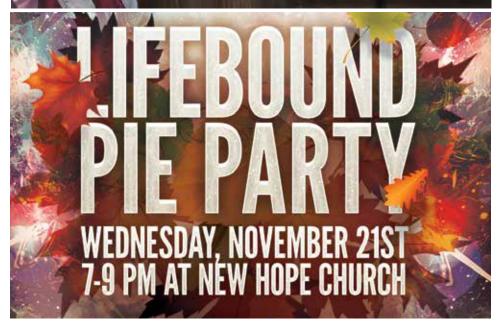
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THANK YOU 🖈

This Sunday, November 11th, our nation pays tribute to the men and women who serve or served in the United States Armed Forces – many of whom are part of our New Hope family. As a way to honor these individuals, we have a display table in the front lobby honoring the different branches of service. One thing we can all do to show our gratitude is pray for those who put themselves in harm's way for our safety and freedom. **Please take a toy soldier from the table and put it in a place where you'll see it each day, as a reminder to keep our armed forces in your prayers.**



Hey, if you recently graduated high school or you are in your 20's, check this out. Are you looking for a way to stretch your stomach in preparation for your Thanksgiving meal? Or maybe you are just looking for a way to get out of the house for a few hours when you're home for break? **Come join us for our annual Pie Party, November 21st from 7-9 pm at New Hope Church**. Bring a pie, or a friend, or just come to eat pie, play games, and catch up. For more information, please contact Steph Schleyer at 703-971-4673, ext 262 or by email at stephanie.schleyer@newhope.org.



Amazon Smile works the exact same as Amazon Prime. The only difference is that when customers shop on Amazon Smile (**smile.amazon.com**), the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice! (hint, hint... New Hope Church!)

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So, start at smile.amazon.com the next time you scroll through the pages of Amazon for your Christmas gifts and support the mission of New Hope Church.



TURKEY BOWL SEVENTH ANNUAL

THURSDAY.NOVEMBER 22ND FROM 9-11:30 AM South County Middle School Separate Adult and Kid Flag Football Games



Register online at bit.ly/2018turkeybowl







Saturday, December 1st 9 am-2 pm at New Hope Church 8905 Ox Road in Lorton

NEW

Craft items, local home-based product vendors, chili lunch, bake sale, raffles, free parking and MORE!

Be sure to check out the most hip Santa Land in the area! Santa Land has make and takes, lots of activities, and of course, Santa!

New this year – family holiday portraits by Kimberly Stowell! Picture packages available for purchase. Registration for appointments coming soon!

The Christmas Tree and Greenery lot will run from Friday, November 23rd through Sunday, December 2nd while supplies last. Be sure to check out fmscgreenery.com to order and to see all of the items available.



FACEBOOK.COM/NEWHOPECHRISTMASMARKET

OF HOPE

Families in our community are struggling. Struggling to meet the daily needs of their family, let alone providing joy for their children for Christmas. Although we know that true jov is not found in shiny wrapping paper under a sparkling tree, we also know that parents desire to give good things to their kids, especially at Christmas. Let's provide a Holiday of Hope by helping families in our own backvard. Each \$25 voucher that you purchase will provide a wish list item for a family. We are also hoping to provide wrapping paper and supplies, as well as things to make holiday cookies for each family.

Here's how you can get involved:

Please donate online to purchase a gift voucher at bit.ly/nhcholidayofhope (our goal is 284 vouchers). If you would prefer to shop, starting next weekend, take a tag from the tree outside the MarketPlace to purchase a specific item that will be donated to *The Last Chance Boutique* (set up for the social workers at the schools in Fairfax County to provide for requests of additional families).

 Remix, Revolution, and SPIN will be collecting cookie mixes, frosting, and sprinkles.
Takeover will be collecting wrapping paper, tape, bows, ribbons, stickers, and tissue paper.

All donations and collections will need to be in by Sunday, December 9th, so they can be put together and delivered to the families. Thanks for helping to provide a Holiday of Hope. Questions? Contact Kim Feld by email at kim.feld@newhope.org or Stephanie Schleyer at steph. schleyer@newhope.org.

WECOUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. This week, we'd like to recognize Norma and Dan Irwin. They are a couple that serve at the same service each month, but on different teams. Norma serves as both a greeter and usher, depending on the need. Dan also started on our Greeter/Usher Team, but wanted to try something different and now serves on our Security Team. Thank you, Norma and Dan! We appreciate you!! We love to have husband and wife teams serving. We can work with you on how you want to serve - different services, same service, different teams or same team. We want to make your serving experience as ideal for you as we can. Contact Carol Ann at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org to see where you might be able to serve.



Hey students in 6th through 12th grade-are you wondering how you're going to kick the New Year off right? Love snow? Skiing? Snowboarding and tubing? Hot chocolate in the lodge? Join us January 11-13 for the 2019 Winter Bash! We will be traveling to Watermarks Camp in Scottville, Virginia for the weekend, enjoying food, friends, fun and worship. We will leave on Friday afternoon and arrive back Sunday afternoon. The cost for the event which covers food, lodging, transportation, and activities at Watermarks Camp is \$125. The easiest way to sign up is to go online to bit.ly/2019winterbash. The online registration will have all of the information you need to sign up.



