

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Kingdom Matters
Message: Blessed are the Humble
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: February 2/3, 2019

God's kingdom is different than anything else. He is a benevolent ruler that is devoted to His people. Here is the passage we read where Jesus describes how we can be part of it:

¹ One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them. ³ "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ⁴ God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. ⁶ God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. ⁹ God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. ¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ¹¹ God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For

a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NLT)

It begins with you and me recognizing our spiritual "poverty" and coming to God for help. This humility is the first step. The important question is, "Am I choosing to be humble before Him?"

*Pride leads to disgrace, but with **humility** comes wisdom.*

Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)

*Fear of the LORD teaches wisdom; **humility** precedes honor.*

Proverbs 15:33 (NLT)

*True **humility** and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life.*

Proverbs 22:4 (NLT)

*Pride ends in humiliation, while **humility** brings honor.*

Proverbs 29:23 (NLT)

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be **humble**, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the **humble** position of a slave and was born as a human being.

Philippians 2:3-7 (NLT)

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, **humility**, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT)

MESSAGE NOTES



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For Jesus, the kingdom of God was His #1 priority.

But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent."

Luke 4:43 (NLT)

God's kingdom has unique values, principles and priorities.

⁹ This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)

God's kingdom also brings a benefit to all under His rule – blessedness.

makarios (trans): blessed, fortunate, happy

In the world around us, happiness is primarily a goal.

But as I looked at everything I had tried, it was all so useless, a chasing of the wind...

Ecclesiastes 2:11 (TLB)

In Jesus' kingdom, happiness is a by-product.

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

poor (ptokos) - destitute, helpless, dependent, humble

Humility is recognizing who I really am, in light of who God really is.

⁵ God opposes the proud but favors the humble.

⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT)

My happiness depends not on what is happening to me, but by what's happening in me.

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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 Humble.***

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!**

starting[®] point

Starting Point is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. Starting Point groups are safe places 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 that 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

The group meets at New Hope during the Saturday 5:30 pm service, from February 2nd until March 30th. It's not too late to jump in next week! **To register, go to bit.ly/spwinter2019.** Questions? Please contact Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org.

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, February 9th • 8:30-10 am



Only \$5. Pre-registered childcare: \$3/ child, \$5 for 2 or more children.

Ladies - Join us for a delicious breakfast, great conversation, and a time to recharge and connect with God. We'll hear from a panel of New Hope women about being on the outside. Whether it's with our career, our relationship with Jesus, our desire for marriage or motherhood, or sometimes even just being a woman, we can all relate to feeling left out in one way or another. Come and be a part of the dialogue, as these women share their experiences of how God walked with them and what they learned. **To register, please go online to bit.ly/womensbfest2019.** Email Karenna at karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org with any questions.



LADIES: WANT TO GET CONNECTED IN 2019? A new women's small group is starting Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm in the Lorton/ Springfield area! The group will begin with an eight-session, video-based study called, *Community*. You'll learn why your unique story matters... to God and to the people you do life with. **Contact Renee Demmel at rdemmel45@gmail.com to sign up or get more information.** Thanks!



Ever wonder how the building is used during the week? It's filled with bright-eyed preschoolers and a loving staff of experienced teachers!

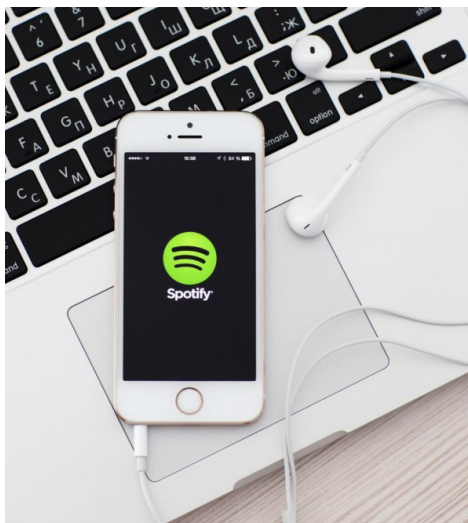
Registration for the 2019/2020 school year is currently underway. If you'd like to reserve a spot for your child, or know someone who might, please visit www.silocenterpreschool.com and complete the online application today.

We offer three, four, and five day classes for children ages 2.5 to 5 years. Interested families are invited to schedule a tour to learn more about our play-based curriculum and experience first-hand what sets Silo Center Preschool apart.

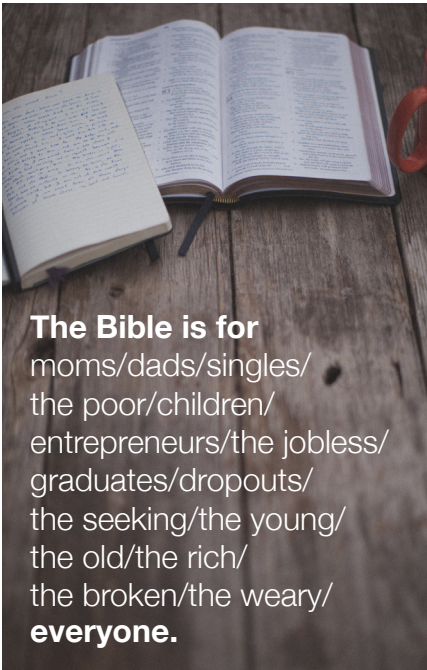


UGANDA MISSION TRIP

If God is tugging at your heart to explore a mission, come to the interest meeting about the Uganda trip this summer (July 2 -15). The meeting will be held Sunday, February 10th at 12:45 pm in the Large Room upstairs. We would love for you to experience a mission outside your comfort zone, but smack in the center of God's zone. Experience the pure joy and deep faith of the Ugandan people. Experience worship that moves you to tears. Experience love and laughter engulfed by children longing for affection. Experience the camaraderie of a team of Christ followers who are passionate about serving the poor. Experience a country so different than ours, and then...experience a shift in your perspective and heart towards the things that matter to God. Experience the heartbreak of extreme poverty while you...experience the privilege of making a difference. **Please RSVP to Jenny at theherzogs1@verizon.net or let us know on your comm card.**



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 on any internet connected device to open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton** to get your free Spotify account and subscribe to follow New Hope Church.



The Bible is for
moms/dads/singles/
the poor/children/
entrepreneurs/the jobless/
graduates/dropouts/
the seeking/the young/
the old/the rich/
the broken/the weary/
everyone.

Welcome to the 2019 Bible Reading Plan! This year, we are reading through the New Testament chronologically, meaning we will read the events in the order they are believed to have occurred. Pick up a hard copy of the plan at Guest Services or download it at nhcbrp.com and print it out. You can also follow along from week to week on your phone or computer online at nhcbrp.com or by following any of the New Hope Church social media accounts at nhclorton. Just spending a few minutes each day in God's Word is not only doable, but has the power to be life changing! We hope you will join us in this challenge and watch what God does in your heart and life this year.

Please come out and join us for a family dinner and movie night to watch "Smallfoot" on Saturday, February 9th.

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Pizza dinner begins at 6:45 pm and movie (and of course popcorn) at 7:15 pm. Free for all those impacted by the government shutdown, with a suggested donation to help us offset costs of \$10 per family, \$5 for individuals for all others.

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Please sign up at bit.ly/nhsmallfoot so we know how many to plan for!





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!

Baptism

We are excited to announce that our first Baptism Celebration Weekend will be on February 23rd and 24th. Baptism means going public with your faith in Jesus and communicating to the world your heart-felt commitment to following Him. It's the next step after committing your life to Jesus Christ. **It's not too late to participate, even if you missed the baptism information meetings last weekend. Please let us know on your comment card or email Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org.**

We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and truly appreciate all they do for us. This week we would like to recognize **Amy and Greg Arnold**. Amy serves as a Small Group Leader with the 8th Grade Girls in Takeover. Greg serves as a Small Group Leader with Middle School Boys in The Landing. Additionally, Amy and Greg serve together two Sundays a month in The Spot at 11:00 for our youth! Thank you Amy and Greg! You are such a blessing to Takeover and The Landing! If you are interested in serving our middle and high school students in Takeover, please contact Jessica at jessica.woodcock@newhope.org. If you are interested in serving in The Landing, please contact Wendy at wendy.hunt@newhope.org. They would love to get you connected!



ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that nearly 60% of people who give at New Hope use online giving? It's simple and secure. Whether you'd like to give a single gift, or schedule ongoing donations, you can do it all online using your checking account, debit or credit card. You can either create an account on the HUB and utilize the secure online giving through our giving platform, or use your bank's online bill pay platform to give using your checking account. **To give electronically, visit newhope.org/giving.**

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