

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: At the Movies
Message: Wonder Park
Speaker: Steph Schleyer
Date: August 31/September 1, 2019

Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-26:

¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. ²³ And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, ²⁴ while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. ²⁵ This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

God has made everyone with a purpose and a plan. We are all God's masterpieces and we all fit together to be part of His beautiful plan.

Do you see clearly the plan or purpose that God has for your life? What do you think it might be?

How easily do you compare yourself to others and think you aren't good enough or that you aren't important enough to be part of God's purpose?

Verse 22-23 points out that some purposes seem weaker or less important. How do you think our society treats those people? How can we protect and care for them?

What are some negative ways you have seen comparison affect you?

How can you avoid the trap of comparison?

What are some ways you can celebrate other's differences while still seeing value in yourself?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 4:10 (NLT)

"Comparison is the thief of joy."
Theodore Roosevelt

Dangers of comparison:

- Lack of joy
- Low self-esteem
- Sadness
- Anxiety
- Depression

When our situation isn't what we want it to be or what we think it should be, we tend to do a few things:

- We run away
- We quit
- We isolate ourselves

For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

⁴ *Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.* ⁵ *For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*

Galatians 6:4-5 (NLT)

When we compare ourselves to others we start to think, "No way am I good enough". That can easily slide into:
God's not with me.
God's not big enough.
I forget who God made me to be.

God is always with you.
He is always enough.
He has a meaning and purpose for your life.

You are one of God's many masterpieces.



A trip to the movies can offer us many things – entertainment, time spent with friends and family, an escape from our daily lives by transporting us to a different time and place, and maybe an excuse to eat popcorn with extra butter. While those things may be true, there is much more. Movies are simply stories that offer us a chance to step into a different perspective, often freeing us from the constraints of our own thinking. Join us as we look for messages of faith in three lesser known, yet compelling movies from the last year.

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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CHURCH

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!**

It's time to celebrate!

The Landing is designed to help students in grades 6 –12 who are seeking extra help navigating their teenage years. Being a student today is tough. Students struggle with all sorts of difficult life issues, such as anger, fear, stress, anxiety, depression, alcohol & drugs, sex, pornography, body image, self-worth, bullying, divorce and more. The list can be endless! The Landing creates an environment where students can talk openly about what's going on in their lives, ask questions, and learn through the use of creative, interactive lessons that provide insight on how to follow God's path in life even when things can suck. This unique student support ministry meets Tuesday nights at New Hope from 7 - 8:30 pm to give students a safe place to talk about what is really going on.

We invite all interested students and parents to come join us on Tuesday, September 3rd, from 7-8:30 pm for two events on one night:

1. The Landing Student Celebration Night:

Let's celebrate together all that God has been doing in our lives. There will be food, prizes, fun, and a night full of HOPE!!

2. The Landing Parent Information Night:

Parents are invited to come meet the volunteers, ask questions, & learn about what will be happening at The Landing this school year.



Questions or need more information? Contact us at info@thingscansuck.com.

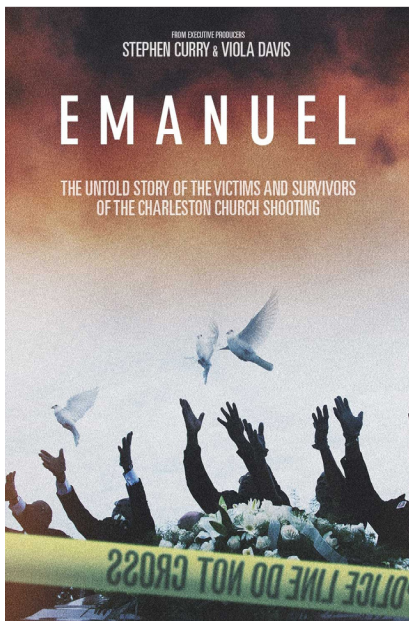
BIG SALE

50% OFF

HURRY LIMITED TIME ONLY

themarketplace

We are saying goodbye to our MarketPlace this week. Please help us clear out our inventory and stock up on some great cards and gift items at the same time! **This is the last weekend that everything in the store is 50% off.** All proceeds benefit our work with Feed My Starving Children.



Emanuel Conversations

You are invited to the third meeting in the discussion series with New Hope, Antioch Baptist, and Truro Anglican to discuss the Emanuel Documentary and the role racism continues to play in our country. Even if you didn't have a chance to watch the movie, you are welcome to join us.

This is an opportunity to listen and grow in our understanding of one another. Relationship is the key to building community - don't miss out on this event! Contact Karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org with any questions. Planning to attend? Please register at antioch-church.org.

Sunday, September 22nd at 1 pm
Antioch Baptist Church - 5th Floor Multipurpose Rm
6525B Little Ox Rd, Fairfax Station VA

National Housing Center • 1201 15th Street, NW • Washington, DC 20005



HeART THURSDAY
& SEPT 26 2019
AN EVENING WITH
CHEF ROCK HARPER
+ FRIENDS
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The party that provides
#onemillionmeals for hungry and
homeless neighbors

Like those Mission Muffins? Then you'll love HeArt & Sole, Central Union Mission's party that strives to provide #onemillionmeals for people experiencing homelessness. Hell's Kitchen winner Chef Rock Harper and friends will share gourmet creations inspired by their favorite "sole," September 26th at 7:00 pm. We'll feature local artists, signature cocktails, live entertainment and every Mission Muffin treat you care to sample—all to support neighbors with food, shelter and employment programs like Mission Muffins. The cost is \$100. Better yet, come to the VIP event at 6:00 pm for a star chef "Chopped" competition with celebrity sous chefs, complimentary nibbles and a swag bag. More fun, more compassion. The VIP cost is \$175. Visit heartandsole.today for tickets and details. New Hope friends, enter promotion code **NEWHOPE** for a 20% ticket discount.



We're gearing up for our Fall round of Journey groups starting on Tuesday, September 3rd. We have several options with different start dates to choose from, lasting 6 to 13 weeks. Please note that childcare is not available. All Journey groups meet at New Hope Church.

DivorceCare is a 13-week support group that offers help and encouragement during the difficult experience of divorce. There are three key parts to the DivorceCare experience: video seminar featuring encouraging, information packed sessions with leading divorce 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 on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Kathy Corneille at corneilleke@hotmail.com. To register, please go to: bit.ly/divorcecarefall19.

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 nine-week class meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm starting September 11th. Questions? Please contact Tom Dolan at tdolan1@comcast.net. To register, please go to: bit.ly/fpufall19.

If you're unsure if FPU is for you, please join us for a special preview night on Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm. To register, go to: bit.ly/fpufall19preview.

How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor: For many, trying to understand the Bible can be an intimidating task. Readers often don't know the cultural and historical background for various passages in the Bible, or even understand the context in which a message was originally given. Theological concepts and doctrines may be unclear or even unknown. Parts of the Bible are written in different styles, further complicating understanding. Contemporary translations of the Bible try to simplify the message, but they also face the problem of not capturing the whole picture for the reader. In this group, you will learn how to unlock some of these mysteries by using the same techniques that professional scholars use. You'll take a six-week journey into the structure and style of the Bible, learn its different literary genres and their purpose, and gain tools for studying the Bible for the rest of your life. Participants will read and use the course book, *How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor* by Dr. Mark Yarbrough from Dallas Theological Seminary. Each class, we'll review the reading, enjoy lively discussion and take part in practical applications. Participants must purchase the textbook and they should have a Bible app on their phone or device in class to access several different translations of the Bible. This group, led by Bill Soderberg, will meet on Thursdays beginning September 5th at 7:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Bill Soderberg at williamsoderberg@cox.net. To register, please go to: bit.ly/bibleprofessor.

Starting Point is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. It's a safe place for people with questions about faith, as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity.

You may have questions you 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 with some church experience, but have been away

This group will begin on Saturday, September 14th and end on Saturday, November 9th, and is led by Kim Feld and Terri Abblett. We will meet at New Hope during the Saturday 5:30 pm service. Questions? Contact Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org. To register, please go to: bit.ly/startingpointfall19.



OVER THE EDGE

OVERCOMING FEAR & STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

**Women's One-Day Conference with
Guest Speaker Michele Rigby Assad**

**Saturday, September 28th at New Hope
8 am-3:30 pm**

Cost: \$30 - includes breakfast and lunch

Registration opens September 7th

Questions? Email Karena.Rowenhorst@newhope.org

Ladies - join us for worship, discussion groups, and a live speaker you will never forget! Michele Rigby Assad is a former undercover officer in the Central Intelligence Agency. Working for the CIA, she served in treacherous areas throughout the Middle East—a woman leading some of the most highly skilled operatives on the planet. The threats were real. The missions were perilous. And deep inside, Michele wondered: Could she really do this job or had she misunderstood her life's calling? Michele will share her story of incredible struggle, of unexpected challenges and thwarted missions, and most significantly, of powerfully realizing what really matters in the face of her greatest fears.



Serving at New Hope isn't JUST about serving others. It's also about forming meaningful, lasting friendships. This week, we'd like to give special recognition to **Sandy Basham** and **Susan Russell** who have served together

as a team for eight years. The friendship formed through volunteering on the Hospitality Team has moved beyond New Hope and they are truly friends outside the church as well. They serve above and beyond what is expected and fill vacancies as a "team" on their off-weeks. **Sandy and Susan, thank you so much for demonstrating true servanthood and allowing God to use you as an example of what can happen when we say YES to Him.** We appreciate you! Has God been speaking to you about serving? Email carolann.gregoire@newhope.org to find a place that's right for you. You never know what He has in store for you!

IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME!

HOPE FOR HELP

**5K RUN/WALK
AND KIDS COLOR RUN**
OCTOBER 19TH, 2019

Run Thru the Crosspointe Community



Please join us on Saturday, September 14th! This event is free and open to all. The purpose is to raise awareness of the public, local, and regional resources available to help the community realize that hope and help is available for those with substance use disorders and their families. No need to sign up! For more information visit www.2019crrf.org or email robin.delaney@newhope.org.

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Divorce Care

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FPU Preview

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Read the Bible Like Seminary Professor

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Financial Peace

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CR Community Resource Fair

09.21

Baptism Celebration

09.28

HER Retreat

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10.12

Parent/Child Dedication

10.19

Hope for Help 5K/Kid's Color Run

10.26

Men's Breakfast

10.27

Discovering Partnership Class

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11.02

Baptism Celebration

11.22

FMSC Mobilepack Begins

11.23

Coat Drive Begins

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08.24

Free Family Movie Night
bit.ly/nhfamilymovie

08.24/25

Baptism Information Meetings

08.25

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