

# WELCOME TO NEW HOPE CHURCH

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.



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## New Here?

Have questions? Stop by the Welcome Center or fill out the New Here form. We would love to get to know you!

## Advent 2023: *Weary World, Rejoice*

December 3–24. Despite the darkness and despair that pervades the world, we are called to rejoice. God's presence in Christ brings hope. This good news is the power that overcomes sin, shame and gloom. Let's embrace the hope of Christ together and let His light dispel the darkness. Rejoice! Watch at [newhopechurchmn.org/messages](http://newhopechurchmn.org/messages).

## Christmas Tree Jubilee

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30–6:15pm (dinner), 6:30–8pm (Jubilee). Enjoy a meal together and celebrate Christmas through worship and small group activities. Dinner: Cost: \$8 (\$4/10 & under)—proceeds support Student Ministry. Register at [newhopechurchmn.org/events](http://newhopechurchmn.org/events).

## Upcoming Bible Studies

*2 Samuel* precepts study by Kay Arthur for men and women begins January 8 or 10. *Women of the New Testament* for women begins January 10. Register at [newhopechurchmn.org/men](http://newhopechurchmn.org/men) or [newhopechurchmn.org/women](http://newhopechurchmn.org/women).

## Need Prayer?

Submit prayer requests to [eprayer@newhopechurchmn.org](mailto:eprayer@newhopechurchmn.org) or 763-533-2449. Confidential in-person prayer available in the Prayer Room on Sunday mornings.

## News & Giving Report

Log in to myNHC for details on praying for hospitalizations, births, deaths and new believer stories. View the weekly giving report.

## Ways to Give

Thank you for your generous giving to New Hope Church. You can give online at [newhopechurchmn.org/give](http://newhopechurchmn.org/give), through the NHC App or text "newhopechurch" to 833-421-8615.



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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 10, 2023

## WEARY WORLD, REJOICE: FEAR

### Isaiah 8:22

1. Read Isaiah 8:17–22. In what ways are the dark and troubling times of Isaiah’s day seen today? Then, in light of such, how can the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1–7 inform us?
2. The prophecy presented in Isaiah 9:1 tells us there need be no more gloom for both ancient Israel (Zebulun and Naphtali) and the “land beyond . . . the nations (Gentiles).” What does this say about God’s love for the nations? How does this motivate our own care for people from different cultures, ethnicities and nations?
3. How might the words of Isaiah 9:2 & 6 help you share the good news (gospel) with someone else during this Christmas season? See John 3:16–18 for further insight.
4. Isaiah 9:4 tells us the Lord breaks burdens for those oppressed and weighed down. Knowing such is the heart of the Lord, what are practical ways you can come alongside another to alleviate her or his burdens?