

TAKE HOME SHEET



Message: Revolution
Speaker: Bill Soderberg
Date: January 6/7, 2018

Take some time to review the notes on the other side of this page. Once you're done, answer the following questions:

1. How do you feel when you try to make changes in your life and they seem to work? What if they don't work?
2. Why do we need to 'die to ourselves' in order to 'live in Christ'? Can we get past sin on our own?
3. Think of a Christ-follower you know well. What fruits of the spirit do you see in that person? What fruits do you see in yourself?
4. Where does evangelizing enter into the life of the Christian? How are you sharing your faith with others?

MESSAGE NOTES

RESOLUTION 2018

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New and Better – You Can Do it!

Each year we look at ourselves wondering how we can be better in some way. Something is not quite right and we need to do something about it.

Nothing Material Lasts Forever

Our Own Resolutions Are Short-Term

¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

Our Own Resolutions Are Short-Term

Worldly-oriented resolutions might help us for a short while or in one dimension of our lives, but they don't bring us closer to God.

The Old Life-Spiritual Death

The New Life: Spiritual Life

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NIV)

God's Fullness: Being Christ-Like

"It is no good giving me a play like Hamlet or King Lear, and telling me to write a play like that. Shakespeare could do it; I can't. And it is no good showing me a life like the life of Jesus and telling me to live a life like that. Jesus could do it; I can't. But if the genius of Shakespeare could come and live in me, then I could write plays like his. And if the Spirit of Jesus could come and live in me, then I could live a life like His."

William Temple
Archbishop of Canterbury
1942-44

The New Life: Reborn in Christ

In our new life in Christ Jesus, we can know the fullness of God because we are connected to Him through the Holy Spirit.

New Life: What Does It Look Like?

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

The Fruit of the Spirit

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)

The New-You In Christ

The new-you Christian doesn't look like a superhero or a supermodel: they look like Jesus Christ.

The New Makeover: Jesus

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

C.S. Lewis
"Mere Christianity" (1952)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

RESOLUTION 2018

Happy New Year! For many of us, it's time to consider the many ways we can be, do and look different than we did the year before. We resolve to make sweeping changes and proclaim them as New Year's Resolutions. While self-improvement is almost always an admirable goal, it's worth the time and energy to identify who we're improving for. What if we looked at resolutions through God's eyes? Our choices might just bring us closer to Him, and instead of **reSolution**, we could find ourselves in the midst of a **reVolution**.

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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CHURCH

We are always 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 committed Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to do whatever it takes to show 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!**

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!**

5 THINGS TO KNOW

Each week we will post "5 Things to Know" for the week. This will typically include classes, info, and upcoming events. We also will give you dates to save as early as possible, so that you can get them on your calendar and be able to plan for them. Be sure to check out the entire program and visit newhope.org for everything. Here's five things to know this week:

1. **HER Ministry Women's Movie Night** is Saturday, January 13th at 7 pm. Free admission & popcorn bar as well as a candy fundraiser for the Bryant Center. Invite a friend! Women & teen girls 16 + are welcome to join us! Email karennna.rowenhorst@newhope.org with any questions.
2. **The Student Ministry** is having their annual **Winter Bash** January 26-28 at Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Virginia. The cost for this event is only \$150 which covers travel, lodging, and food. If you would like to ski/snowboard/tube, there will be an extra cost for the tickets! Sign up at bit.ly/2018winterbash.
3. We will be holding a **Discovering Partnership Class** for those of you ready to investigate partnership at New Hope, on Sunday, February 11th @ 12:45 - 2:45pm in the large meeting room. We'll even provide food and childcare. Register today at bit.ly/dpcfefeb2018.
4. The **Holland Connect Group** invites families touched by special needs to join us for lunch on January 20th at 12:45. Our families will eat together (no childcare) but we will have toys to occupy them. Please RSVP to kim.feld@newhope.org, so we can prepare enough food; let us know of any dietary restrictions. We're looking forward to meeting you!
5. We are excited to announce that our next **Baptism Celebration Weekend** will be February 24th & 25th during the services. Baptism is going public about your faith in Jesus and communicating to the world your heart-felt commitment to following Him. It's the next step after accepting Him. If you have any questions, please email us at baptism@newhope.org. We would love to talk with you about the process. We even have a booklet to assist parents in discussing faith and baptism with their children and students.



Life can be tough, but you don't have to go through it alone. We want to help. We have several ministries that can help you as you navigate the tough times:

For those 18 years old and older we have **Celebrate Recovery (CR)**. At Celebrate Recovery we strongly believe that this ministry can benefit any and all. The truth is that we are all hurting. There is no such thing as a "perfect" church or a "perfect" person. We can so easily fall into the trap of wearing a mask to hide from everyone. We desperately and so diligently try to keep anyone from seeing the hurting person inside of us. CR provides a safe place for us to take that mask off and begin coming out of denial, turn our life and will over to Christ's power, begin identifying hurts, turn over our character defects, replace them with truth and positives in our lives, and ultimately give back from what we have been given.

Get started by joining us on Friday nights at 7 pm at New Hope Church. Check out cr.newhope.org or email the ministry at celebraterecovery@newhope.org.

For students in middle and high school we have **The Landing**. The Landing is a Christ centered recovery group. The Landing is a safe place to talk about the hurts, habits and hang-ups that you are facing each day. This is the place to come when you feel as though no one else could possibly understand what you are feeling or going through. The Landing is here to give you a safe place to be heard. We want to know YOU and what it's like to be YOU. We want to help you learn new coping skills and find healing. The Landing is a Christ-centered recovery group for students in middle and high school.

The Landing meets at 7 pm on Tuesday nights at New Hope Church. We have large group time (music, lesson, activities) from 7-8 pm, small group discussions from 8-9 pm, and time for snacks and hanging out from 9-9:30 pm. Check thingscansuck.com or email the ministry at info@thingscansuck.com.



2018 BIBLE R

The Bible is for
moms/dads/singles/the poor/children/everyone
dropouts/the seeking/the young/the old

Everyone? Yes! Everyone. We've all had that moment. You committed to reading the Bible, but you have no idea where to start. Maybe you got a few verses in, and you started tripping over words you've never seen, metaphors you didn't understand, or lists that didn't make sense. Maybe you're wondering if you made a mistake, or you're so overwhelmed you're ready to give up.

We have taken away the fear, the excuses, and the not understanding with our **2018 Bible Reading Plan**.

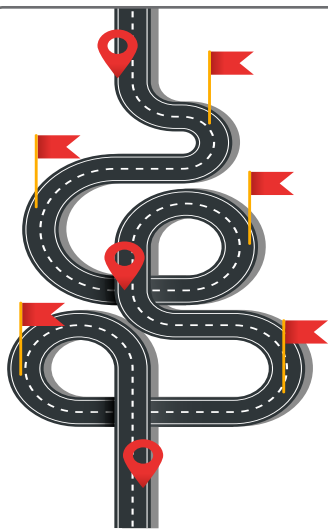
As we read the Bible, we learn where we came from and why we are here. We gain wisdom for how to live and understanding about what happens when we die. When you pick up the Bible and start reading, you may not understand everything but you will always learn something. **Get started today!**

READING PLAN

entrepreneurs/the jobless/graduates/
d/the rich/the broken/the weary/
everyone.

Multiple ways to follow along! Because we know everyone is wired together differently, our 2018 BRP is available in several different formats and delivery mechanisms:

1. Pick up a **hard copy** of the plan at Guest Services or download it at nhcbrp.com and print it out.
2. Visit nhcbrp.com on your **phone or computer** and follow along week to week.
3. Use the New Hope Church **mobile app**, available in the Apple and Andriod app stores, and click on the Bible Reading Plan icon to access the weekly readings.
4. Follow any of the New Hope Church **social media** accounts at [nhclorton](https://www.facebook.com/nhclorton).
5. Subscribe to receive a **text alert** when Senior Pastor Rusty Coram, Executive Director of Education and Outreach Kim Feld, or our Family Life Director Stephanie Schleyer post insight to the weekly readings- it is like being in a Bible study group! Simply send the text "follow nhclorton" to 40404.



JOURNEY WINTER 2018 CLASSES

Why do we call them "Journey Groups?" The metaphor of "life is a journey" is used all the time and often when talking about faith. We talk about God "walking with us" in hard times. We might say something like, "I've come a long way in my faith since my father died." All of these statements suggest faith is a journey.

So why not start 2018 on a journey? Take a moment and look through the options for the Winter 2018 Journey Classes. If you have any questions, please email us at smallgroups@newhope.org.

- A new **Couple's Group** led by Jared and Claudia Holsing will start meeting on Fridays beginning January 12th at 6:30 pm
- A **Preschool Mom's Group** will meet on Tuesdays at noon beginning Tuesday, January 16th.
- The **Adoption & Foster Care Parent Group** will meet on Saturdays, 5:30 pm for four weeks beginning January 20th.
- A **Women's Journey Group** will be meeting at New Hope on Thursday evenings at 7 pm beginning January 18th.
- **DivorceCare** is a 13-week support group that offers help and encouragement during the difficult experience of divorce. This group begins on Thursday, January 18th at 7 pm and meets at New Hope.
- A **Couple's Journey Group** will be led by Bill and Lorna Soderberg and will be meeting at New Hope on Thursday evenings at 7 pm beginning January 18th.
- **Starting Point** is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. The group will begin on Saturday, January 27th at 5:30 pm and end on Saturday, March 24th. This group meets at New Hope during the Saturday, 5:30 pm service.

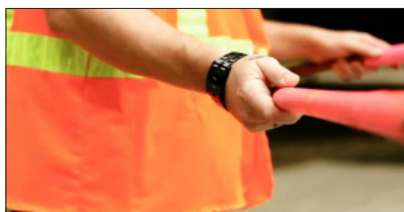
Visit bit.ly/2018winterjourney to get more details or to register for any of these classes. Let's start off 2018 right!



One of New Hope's five core values that drives what we do and why we do it is *Saved People Serve People*. It is with this value that each week at New Hope, hundreds of people just like you give their time to serve. Whether it's helping kids learn about Jesus on their level at Kids' Time, greeting first-time guests, or pitching in behind the scenes with production, every volunteer is making a difference at New Hope Church!

We know you're busy, and a million things are competing for your time. But we also know you'll meet new friends and grow in your relationship with Jesus when you start serving.

There's a serving opportunity that suits your personality and availability. Stop by Guest Services for more information, or email Carol Ann at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org. She will get you plugged in!



VOLUNTEER

OF THE WEEK

Our volunteers are the very best! There's no way we could keep New Hope running without the help of these special people. This week, we'd like to thank Sonja Dorland. Sonja serves in Sprouts, the preschool area of New Hope's Children's Ministry. God is changing lives every week at New Hope and behind every changed life are the faces of our volunteers.

THE *Gift* OF LOVE

All Christmas items are 50% off in the MarketPlace through the end of January! Come in and stock up on some great items for next year. All proceeds benefit our work with Feed My Starving Children.

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