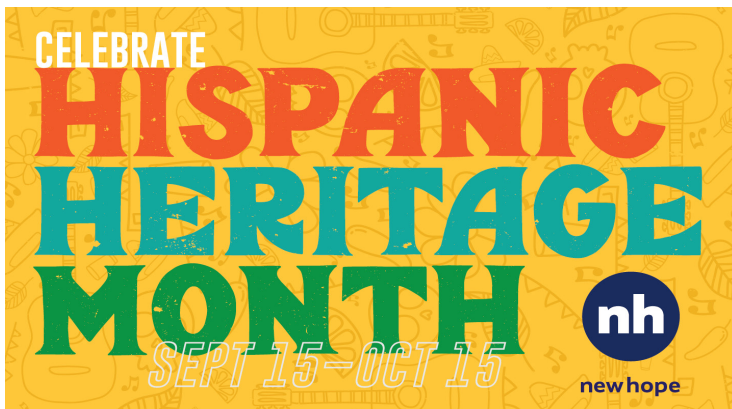
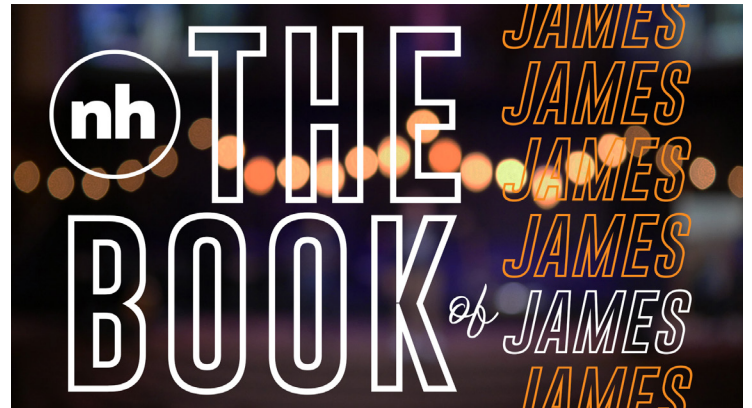


# WELCOME TO NEW HOPE CHURCH

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



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## ***The Book of James* Message Series**

October 8–November 19. As disciples of Jesus, we are challenged to be witnesses to a watching and broken world. This means living our lives in a way that reflects the love and grace of God, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Watch at [newhopechurchmn.org/messages](https://newhopechurchmn.org/messages).

## **Africonnect Service Project**

Sunday, October 8, 12–1:30pm, Sandberg Chapel. Help support the students at Cooper High School. Donate hygiene items, write prayer cards for students and help decorate bags. There will be a short devotional and refreshments. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/events](https://newhopechurchmn.org/events).

## **New Here Meet & Greet**

3rd Sundays (October 15), 10–10:30am, Conference Room. New Here? We'd love to get to know you! Meet staff, elders and Pastor Matthew and help us get to know you.

## **Operation Christmas Child Donations**

We are collecting new gift items and monetary donations October 8–29. Drop off gifts in the Worship Center lobby or donate online. Then, join us for a Packing Party on November 4. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/events](https://newhopechurchmn.org/events).

## **Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser**

October 16–31, 11am–7pm, NHC Parking Lot. A festive and family-friendly pumpkin-picking event. Affordable prices. Snap some fall photos and enjoy the company of your loved ones. All proceeds go toward the summer student conference. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/events](https://newhopechurchmn.org/events).

## **Ways to Give**

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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 8, 2023

## JAMES: TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS

### James 1

1. Read James 1:18. James calls us disciples “firstfruits of his creatures.” What does this language imply? Here’s a hint: if we believers are the firstfruits, then there is more fruit to come.
2. How do we caringly connect with those around us who are experiencing great trials or temptations in life? In what way do we bring to bear the mercies of Jesus?
3. Read James 1:27. What are the trials and temptations making it difficult for us to live out James’ invitation to love even those in the margins?
4. Rich, poor, widows, orphans, religious—all go through trials and challenges. What is our response? How does the grace of God meet these people? How is that grace channeled through you?