

# THE DREAM

We dream of a church that shines brightly as a beacon of faith, hope and love in the Carolinas and beyond—a church that is made up of real people who actively lead others to a real Savior and meet real needs as they are compelled by a real God to do so.

We dream of a church full of people who have hearts for God and are so contagious with authentic Christian life that non-believing, dechurched, and unchurched people are drawn to experience Jesus for themselves—many for the first time!

We dream of a church where people know they are loved because they know how to share their needs with each other, they know how to pray for each other, they know how to support and encourage each other, and they know how to spur each other on to be all that God intends them to be.

We dream of a church where discipleship is taken seriously—where people deeply desire to grow in their knowledge and experience of Jesus. We long for a church where people grow spiritually because they put their faith into action, using the gifts and talents God has given as they intentionally seek to fulfill His calling upon their lives.

We dream of a church where spiritual gifts are discovered and deployed for God's glory—a church where leaders lead, administrators administrate, teachers teach, and caregivers give care; a church where people with mercy gifts offer mercy and people with hospitality gifts make all feel welcome; a church where all the other spiritual gifts found in the Bible are effectively utilized as God calls people to use them.

We dream of a church where everything happens as a result of diligent prayer and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Where people humbly go wherever God leads for His glory, and for the benefit of needy and unbelieving people.

We dream of a church where young children are raised in a relevant children's ministry so that the faith they come to know can enable them to grow to maturity in Christ—a church where their continued experience of Jesus Christ will carry them through the turmoil and challenges of adolescence and young adulthood because they have seen authentic Christianity lived out by the adults who surround them.

We dream of a church where people expect to encounter God in worship and wait with excited anticipation for the next opportunity to gather together.

We dream of a church that refuses to be ingrown or self-focused. A church that is respected by all because it breathes hope and life into this world as it meets needs and transforms lives. A church that is so caught up in what God is doing that it generously shares its resources with those in need, and with other works of God around the world.

We dream of **newhope** church.



# NEW TESTAMENT 40 DAY READING PLAN newhope church

Dear Friend,

What if you spent the next 40 days walking alongside Jesus, listening to His life changing teachings, visiting churches with Paul, and falling more in love with God with each turning page? What if, in the next 40 days, you fell in love with the Lord and His Word for the first time or, perhaps, all over again?

I would like to invite you to read through the entire New Testament in 40 days—with a Sabbath day of rest each week. Whether you choose to read through the Bible or listen to an audio version, you'll cover around 200 verses (about seven chapters) each day for six days a week! Can you imagine what could happen to your spiritual journey and the life of our church if we all committed to reading the New Testament in the next 40 days?

Now, reading the entire New Testament in 40 days isn't easy. It demands intentionality. It requires us to reach for the Bible instead of Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, or the latest episode of your favorite TV show. It will require discipline and diligence!

- Use this Reading Guide as a treasure map for our adventure.
- Commit each day to reading for approximately a half hour or so.
- Ask God to open your eyes, ears, and heart to what He has prepared for you as you read each day.
- Read for breadth. Remember, this is about seeing the big picture of Scripture.
- Write a "checkmark" or "X" in the box when you finish that day's reading.
- Celebrate the wonder of Sabbath each Sunday. There are no assigned readings on Sundays—feel free to rest or use it as a catch-up day. Either way, join us each week in church as we celebrate the collective reading of God's Word at **newhope!**

My prayer is that at the end of 40 days, you'll feel so spiritually full you'll never want to live on empty again. I am praying for you and our church family!

Because of Jesus,



Dr. Benji Kelley  
Founding Senior Pastor



Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 1 - 7	<b>WEEK</b> <b>1</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 8 - 12	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 13 - 18	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 19 - 24	
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 25 - 28	
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 1 - 5	

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 6 - 11	<b>2</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 12 - 16	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 1 - 4	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 5 - 8	
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 9 - 12	
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 13 - 19	

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 20 - 24	<b>3</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 1 - 5	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 6 - 9	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 10 - 14	
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 15 - 21	
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 1 - 6	

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 7 - 11	<b>4</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 12 - 17	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 18 - 23	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 24 - 28	
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 1 - 8	
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 9 - 16	

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	I Corinthians 1 - 8	<b>5</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	I Corinthians 9 - 16	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 1 - 13	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Galatians 1 - 6	
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 1 - 6	
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philippians & Colossians	

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 & 2 Thessalonians	<b>6</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 & 2 Timothy	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Titus, Philemon & Hebrews 1 - 7	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hebrews 8 - 13	
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	James	
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 & 2 Peter	

Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 2 and 3 John and Jude	<b>7</b>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revelation 1 - 7	
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revelation 8 - 16	
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revelation 17 - 22	