FAMILIAR STRANGER

Week Three: "Something Bigger Than Us"

November 15, 2026; Pastor Adam Bishop

The Big Idea: The Holy Spirit enables us to be a part of something bigger than us.

- The Holy Spirit connects believers to one another.
- The Holy Spirit leads us.
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to amplify the gospel.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Acts 1:8 NIV

Discussion Question:

Do you believe that you have been called to be a witness for God? If so, what does that mean and how will you live that out this week?

Next 22 & Beyond was started when NewHope church was 22 years old and is looking at what God will do at NewHope church over the next 22 years.

In 2026 NewHope church launched six new initiatives. We will give an update on each of these six initiatives on Sunday, December 6: ***Celebration Sunday*** and will hold the ***Annual Members Celebration Meeting*** that same day at 4:00PM.

In 2027 NewHope church feels that God Is calling us to AMPLIFY OUR REACH in 5 key areas:

1. Amplify our worship through *NewHope Worship.*
    a. Psalm 96:1-3: *Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*
    b. *Newhope Worship* will be releasing worship songs in 2027 which will be available through services like Apple music. *Newhope Worship* songs have already been streamed to 123 different countries.

<u>Discussion Question:</u>

What is something new that God is doing in your life? What "new song" can you sing to God this week and what will that look like for you as you do that?

2. Amplify our influence through ***Lunch with a Leader***.
    a. "You are the light of the world." - Matthew 5:14a NIV
    b. A "leader" is anyone that has the opportunity to influence others.
    c. Starting in 2027 Newhope church will hold ***Lunch with a Leader*** events one Tuesday a month at lunch time at the church. Leaders will have a chance to connect with each other at the church over a free lunch and hear a challenging leadership develop talk by Pastor Adam.

<u>Discussion Question:</u>

How will you be intentional this week to be a light to those you come in contact with?

3. Amplify our community impact through *Families on Mission*

a. *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*- James 2:14-17 NIV
b. *Families on Mission events* will be opportunities for families to put their faith into action by serving their local community together.

Discussion Question:

Have you served with *NewHope Missions* before? If so, describe your serving experience. How will you serve with NewHope Missions in 2027?

4. Amplify our conversations through a weekly podcast.
    a. *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone*.- Colossians 4:5-6 NIV
    b. Pastor Adam and Pastor Nick will co-host a weekly podcast in an effort to reach more people in our community for Christ.

Discussion Question:

What is your favorite podcast and why?

How will you make the most of an upcoming conversation and/or opportunity this week?

5. Amplify our reach through our *Buddies Ministry* and *Night to Shine*.
    a. *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*.- Ephesians 2:10 NIV
    b. Newhope church was chosen to be a host church for a ***Night to Shine*** event in 2027. This event honors and celebrates special needs children 14 years old and up in a "prom-like" environment and is put on by the *Tim Tebow Foundation.*

Discussion Question:

What good work do you believe you were created to do?

How will you live that out this week?