



NHC Leadership Conference

Jan 16, 2021

New Hope Church of Michigan

Matthew 25 Plans



Matthew 25 Plans - Agenda

Presenter	Subject
Elder Jay	Worship – Matthew 25 Sundays
Elder Miki	Dismantling Structural Racism
Elder John	Eradicating Systemic Poverty
Elder Andy	Building Congregational Vitality
Elder Sung Jae	Spectator vs. Participatory Church
Pastor Sam	Closing Remarks and Prayer



Worship

How can NHC's Worship promote the values of building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty?

Ideas:

- Pastor Sam to focus sermons on Matthew 25 goals
- "NHC media team" to create topical videos
- Inviting guest speakers/preachers
- Intergenerational worship***



“Matthew 25 Sundays”

Taking our NHC worship “On the Road”

Once a month having intergenerational worship off-campus at a variety of locations. Examples could include:

- Inner city public school
- Arab-American church
- Belle Isle

Worship service to be followed by an intergenerational discipleship activity on that site



“Matthew 25 Sundays”

Why?

- Gets us out of our comfort zone
- Exposure to society’s problems
- Closer to those we should be serving
- Sharing the gospel with our neighbors
- Helps to shape our vision for NHC
- Keeping God and our worship of Him as the focus

When?

- July 2021 - June 2022 (tentatively)

Dismantling Structural Racism

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Structural Racism

- Racism is the opposite of what god wanted for humanity
- Personal racism – as Asians, as bi-cultural or bi-racial
- **Structural racism** – Laws, policies & practices
- Fallacies of the Asian as Model immigrant
- A journey together as a congregation

Journey Together

- Become aware (21-Day Racial Justice Challenge)
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable
- Support Presbytery efforts
- Participate (Asian American Leadership Collaborative)
- Your voice here.... Because it's our journey



Matthew 25

**Eradicating
Systemic Poverty**

Should I Not Be Concerned?

- Malachi 6:8
- He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?
- How do we as the church respond to such poverty in our country and the world?
 - Indifference
 - Avoidance
 - Concern but hopelessness
 - Prayerful Obedience

A Community Response

- Our action as the body of Christ
 - Act locally as well as globally
 - Immediate response to need
 - Educational and modelling as well
 - Sacrificial call – Response?
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- James 2:15-17
 - ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.



Building Congregational Vitality

- **Equipping our members to know how to do a quiet time (QT)**
- **Teaching others to do a QT**
- **Replicate this cycle with others**
- Family Devotions e.g., Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
- Educational Seminars e.g., Cults and Heresies
- Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:30PM-8:15PM
- Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting – 9:30AM-10:30AM
- 1-on-1 Discipleship Program – contact Elder John Lee or staff/elders



Building Congregational Vitality -2021

- January 2021 – 31 days of devotionals uploaded to ABIDE section of NHC Website:
<https://www.thenewhopechurch.com/blog>
 - Summary and Focus Verse(s)
 - Reflection 100-200 words and Prayer
- Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:30PM-8:15PM
 - Living Life
 - Family Devotional – MLK / Valentine's / Good Friday – 1st Wednesday of month
 - Books such as Tim Keller's Prodigal Prophet (Jonah)
 - Topics such as Apologetics (Science and Faith)
- When COVID restrictions are relaxed - **Saturdays of Service**
 - Partner with **Westminster Church of Detroit** on the first Saturday of each month by running a monthly QT Club – distributing devotionals / discussions and prayer / crafts / building relationships
 - KPCMD will partner for the Free Lunch program



Building Congregational Vitality cont'd

- Need to start with our own QT – **PRESS SPACE** with Living Life and/or other biblically based resources
 - **P**ray for Illumination
 - **R**ead the passage
 - **E**xamine the passage
 - **S**peak to God about the passage
 - **S**hare you meditation with a friend (and/or journal)
- 5 Things to look for as you **E**xamine
 - **S**in to Avoid
 - **P**romise to claim
 - **A**tttribute of God to adore
 - **C**ommand of God to follow
 - **E**xample to learn from

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NHC VISION STATEMENT

- “WE ARE CALLED TO **BE INSPIRED** AND **INSPIRING**”
- DYNAMIC \neq STATIC
- ONE PERFECT COIN
 - RECEIVING
 - GIVING
- GO \neq STAY

MATTHEW 25 CHURCH \cong VISION STATEMENT

- PARTICIPATORY CHURCH \neq SPECTATOR CHURCH
- COMMISSIONED = GO
- WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?
- “YOU ARE TRULY **MY DISCIPLES** IF YOU **REMAIN FAITHFUL TO MY TEACHINGS.**” – JOHN 8:31B
- “JUST AS THE BODY IS DEAD WITHOUT BREATH, SO ALSO FAITH IS DEAD WITHOUT **GOOD WORKS**” - JAMES 2:26



Closing Remarks & Prayer – P. Sam