**NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

**“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SERVE GOD”**

**JESUS’ SERVICE RECORD SERVICE LESSONS/GUIDELINES**

Mt. 11:4,5 (Christ answers John) A people oriented ministry; Jesus uses service to others to verify his Messiahship… Our claim to discipleship should be about the same work; ministering, serving, relieving distress, bearing Good News

Mk. 5:35-37 (Raising Jairus’ daughter) Christian service will sometimes require turning out and tuning out detractors and skeptics and drawing near to oneself those who will encourage and reinforce faith

Lk. 4:18 (Christ in the synagogue) Jesus reading from Isaiah announces the mandate for his mission; The work of anointed servants has liberating power

Jn. 2:1-11 (Marriage at Cana; First miracle) Jesus saw a need and responded… He was not a credit monger, didn’t have to be the center of attention

**CHRIST TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES/THE CHURCH**

Mt. 10 (Disciples’ Orientation) Service is not for those seeking glamour and glory; can expect rewards and perils, God will take care of you...Everyone will not be receptive, put God above all and everything

Lk. 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan) Jesus extends the boundaries of the neighborhood and field of service to include the excluded; Too busy to serve, a clear indication of missed placed priorities

Acts 1:8 (Promise of the Holy Spirit) The Holy Spirit comes to give us power to be witnesses

Romans 12 (Paul writes about Christian conduct) present your bodies a living sacrifice… Use your gifts… Love one another… Honor one another… Live harmoniously… Do not seek revenge… Overcome evil with good

**CHRIST’S SACRIFICE**

Jn. 1:14 (The Word that was in the beginning with God became flesh) He came; Jesus laid aside his glory to take on humanity

Phil. 2:6-8 (Jesus took the form of a servant; He was obedient to the death of the cross) Jesus was not put off by the role he fulfilled; humility did not diminish him

Mt. 20:26-28 (Jesus uses his servanthood to teach disciples greatness) Great leaders are first great servants

Mt. 26:39 (Christ’s struggle in the garden) Nevertheless; God’s will is supreme