

“Foundational Truths”

Series: “More Than a Fan” (1 of 2)

Open: Finish the following sentence: “I am a big fan of _____!”
Then give a short explanation as to “why” you are such a fan.

Explore: Read Acts 8:26-40.

1. How does the Bible describe the man Philip met on the desert road (vs. 26-27)? Why was this man returning from Jerusalem?
2. What was the man doing while sitting in his chariot (vs. 28-30)? Why did the Spirit prompt Philip to talk with the man?
3. How did Philip present the good news about Jesus to the man (vs. 31-35)?
4. What two things did the man do after he put his faith in Jesus (vs. 36-40)?

Reflect: Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. What elements of the church might make a person a fan of New Hope? What does it mean to be “more than a fan” at church?
2. The mission of New Hope is *to know Christ and make Him known*, but there are three foundational truths which drive the mission. How would you explain each foundational truth to a friend?
3. Discuss how different the church would look if we didn’t believe one or more of the three foundational truths.
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What has God been teaching, rebuking, correcting, or training in your life recently through Scripture?
5. Which foundational truth do you believe needs to grow in your life:
I need to grow in **a)** my understanding of scripture, **b)** my love for people, or **c)** my devotion to God?

Live:

As a group: The foundational truths we believe in the church must also be foundational in a CARE Group. In which area do you believe the group should be growing? What can the group do to help grow this area? For ideas contact Pastor John Davis jdavis@newhopechurch.tv.

On your own: Ask yourself the following question: do my personal beliefs match up with the foundational beliefs of the church. If not, what step will I take to grow in this area (Attend *Foundations*, join a CARE Group, or serve consistently on a ministry team)?

Listening Guide Notes

Some foundational truths...

1. We believe God’s Word.

^[16] “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ^[17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” -**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.” -**Acts 4:29 (NIV)**

“You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” -**John 8:32 (NIV)**

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”
-**Acts 4:31 (NIV)**

2. We love sinners.

^[30] “But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?’ ^[31] Jesus answered them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ^[32] I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’”
-**Luke 5:30-32 (NIV)**

3. We teach full devotion.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” -**Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” -**Matthew 16:25 (NIV)**

“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son.”
-**John 3:16 (NIV)**

^[25] “So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul- ^[26] men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” -**Acts 15:25-26 (NIV)**