

Hope

December 24, 2023

Matthew 12:9-21 - Jesus heals a man's hand

vs.13 "So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one!"

vs.21 "And his name will be **the hope** of all the world."

HOPE (elpizo); to expect

Isaiah 42:1-4 "Look at my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one..."

Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm for God can be trusted to keep his promise."

What is the HOPE that we are to hold tightly to?

Psalms 119:114 "You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word."

Matthew 1:21 "and she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Jesus means "the lord saves"

Matthew 12:23 "The crowd was amazed and asked, could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?"

1 Peter 1:3 "It is by his great mercy that we have been born again... Now we live with great expectation (living hope*)"

Romans 15:13 "I pray that God, **the source of hope**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

How does Jesus need to be the source of hope in our lives?

How can we put our trust and hope in Jesus today?

NEXT STEPS Will Resume Next Sunday Would you like to learn more about our church and how to get connected? We offer this 4 week class each month during the message portion of our service just outside the sanctuary in Classroom 1. There is no class today but join us for Week 4 next Sunday or start from the beginning with week 1 on January 7th.

COLLECTING FOR MASSENA SCHOOLS Non-Perishable Snacks We will continue to collect snacks to give to kids in our Massena Central Schools over breaks. You can drop donations off in the lobby at any time.

this week...

OFFICES CLOSED This week for the Holidays We wish you all a very very Christmas! We are so excited for 2024 as press forward in the vision God has given us for the north country and beyond!

CROSS CURRENT NYE PARTY Next Sunday night at 9pm Our teens are invited to an all night party to ring in the new year. The cost is \$20 and you can register on the ChurchCenter App or our website.

coming up...

COFFEE WITH KAYLA January 3rd at 6pm Our missionary in Uganda is home for Christmas! Join us over some coffee and snacks to hear about our work in northern Uganda before Kayla Kesner heads back.

OPEN WORSHIP PRACTICE January 23rd at 7pm Our If you are interested in joining our Worship Team, Chorus, or Production team then join us for one of our monthly open worship practices.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES Next Semester starts January 31st We will be offering **Financial Peace University** and **A Survey of the New Testament**. Take control of your finances and find financial freedom or dive into the 27 books of the NT and learn more about the background and message of each book. Register on ChurchCenter or our website.

RESTORE WEEKEND February 2nd & 3rd Want to learn more about Restore, NTC's inner healing ministry, and find freedom from life's hurts? Let's COME TOGETHER and encounter Jesus, who came to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free! The weekend will consist of a Friday night and Saturday day with a lite breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday. Register now on ChurchCenter or our website.

MARRIAGE MATTERS NIGHT February 9th at 7pm Our Marriage Matters team is hosting a fun night for you and your spouse over dessert, music, a panel discussion, and some fun activities. Sign up through the ChurchCenter App or on our website.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIPS in 2024 We will be sending a ladies team to NYC on May 17-19 and a team to Cali, Colombia later this summer. For more information visit the Living Outward tab on our website.

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