

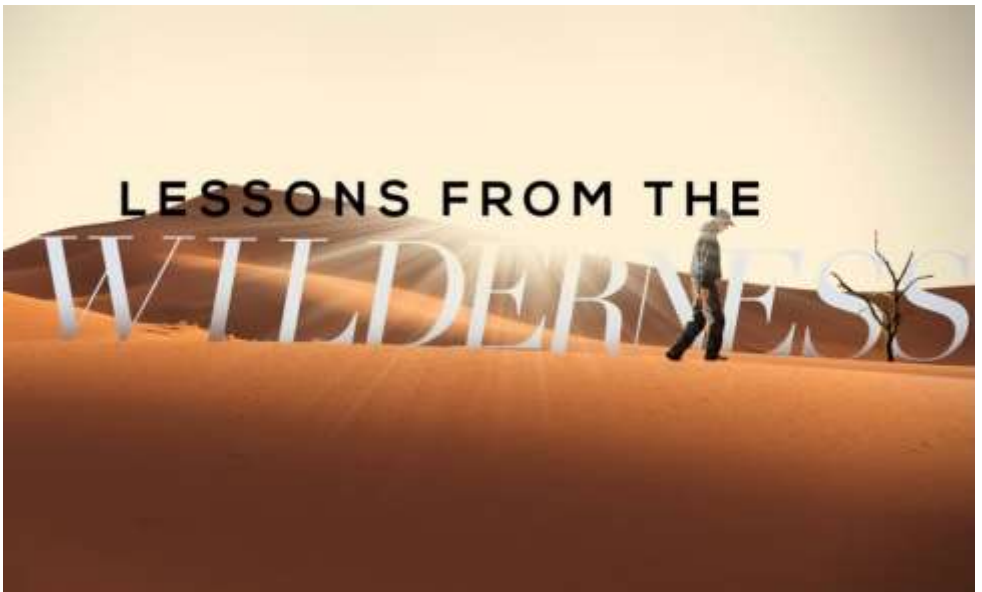


HOPE CITY CHURCH

*“Helping people experience the Hope
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus”*

LOVE | *unconditionally* - **REACH** | *intentionally* - **TEACH** | *transformationally*

SERVE | *relationally* - **SEND** | *courageously*



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TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

September 10, 2023

Worship Service - Spanish (*Rm D101*): **9:00am**

Bible Classes - All Ages: **9:00am**

Gathering in the Courtyard: **10:15am**

Worship Service - English (*Worship Center*): **10:45am***

Hope City Kids Worship (*Rm B105*): **10:45am**

*Hope City Students to join Main Worship Service today

SERMON

Lessons From the Wilderness

Pastor Oscar Chavez

GATHERING IN THE COURTYARD SIGN-UPS | THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our drink supply this year for our Gathering in the Courtyard each Sunday morning. We have people signed up through the end of 2023 to contribute and that has been a huge blessing.

HOPE CITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Hope City Women's Bible Study kicked off for the Fall this past Tuesday and will continue to meet every Tuesday from 6:30pm – 8pm. Childcare will be available each Tuesday. If you let us know you're planning to come, we'll send you a reminder text on Mondays. Looking forward to studying God's Word & growing together. See you Tuesday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amanda Predmore Mon Sep 11
Hailey Sincock Fri Sep 15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Vet & Jennifer Gonzalez Mon Sep 11

THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

Grace Leaders Network Meeting (Grace Orange)	Tue	Sep 12	10:00am
Women of Grace Acts 1:1-2:47 (Rm D102)	Tue	Sep 12	6:00pm
Ironmen Bible Study (Rm C103)	Tue	Sep 12	6:30pm
Hope City Women Bible Study (Rm B103)	Tue	Sep 12	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group (Gonzalez Home)	Tue	Sep 12	7:00pm
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Sep 15	6:30pm
Hope City Students & Hope City Kids	Fri	Sep 15	6:30pm

COMING EVENTS

Baptism Class	Sun	Oct 08	12:15pm
Hope City Church – LAUNCH SUNDAY	Sun	Oct 15	10:45am
Hope City Women’s Retreat	Fri-Sun	Oct 20-22	

GIVING UPDATE

If you are writing a check for your offering under our new name, please make the checks payable to ‘**Hope City Church Norwalk**’ as this will help with our banking process. Checks made payable to ‘**Grace Brethren Church Norwalk**’ are acceptable.

VALUE #4 Serve

SERVE | RELATIONALLY

Because Jesus came to serve not to be served, we strive to sacrificially serve others together

MARK 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” Matthew 18:1-5 NIV

Jesus loves kids! He encourages us to change and become like little children. But what did Jesus mean when He said this?

In this passage, Jesus is answering His disciples’ question as to who is the greatest in the kingdom. His disciples were learning what it meant to be Jesus’ disciples and were wondering how they could work their way to greatness. In response, Jesus called children to come to Him as a way of illustrating His answer—whoever takes the lowly position of a child is greatest in the kingdom.

While the disciples concentrated on who was greatest in heaven, Jesus turned their perspective upside-down. He said that those who willingly take the lower position are greatest.

Young children are often void of pride, hypocrisy, and haughtiness. They are teachable and humble, unlike the disciples who were competing to be the best. Jesus taught that a humble spirit has a way of reversing a competitive mindset.

The humility Jesus referred to in this passage is not a self-loathing or devaluing of yourself. Instead, it is a vulnerability to God. We don’t need to compete to be the greatest or aggressively desire to improve our own status. We can humbly come to Jesus like children.

Jesus calls us to have a humble and unpretentious faith in Him and the salvation He offers. Think about how a child receives a gift. They love to open gifts with eagerness! In contrast, adults often want to earn what they get. Let’s open Jesus’ free gift of salvation with openness, honesty, and unbridled joy...just like a child
