

The God of a Peculiar People, Feb. 12 - 15, 2026

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face *anything* through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth and 2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

Check-in on logistics of Bible Recap

How it is going so far... struggles... suggestions... tips for other people...

IMPORTANT: PRIORITY – look for the ways God moves “His-Story” forward as you read each day.

*God got Israel out of Egypt, then He had to get Egypt out of Israel
Jesus got us out of the Kingdom of darkness, now He must get the darkness out of us!*

Getting Egypt out of the Israelites is a VERY BIG DEAL! As is getting the darkness out of us!!

It is NOT about religion, but it does require rules, but rules are not the point but the means.

It is NOT about conventional, common-sense wisdom, but Jesus’ unconventional, supernatural ways.

It is NOT about control, but surrender.

It is NOT about safety/ security but sacrifice and risk.

God invites us to come as we are; we can’t earn reconciliation. BUT He will not allow us to stay as we are.

A life of SLO transformation is not an option for Christ-followers; it is THE way of life.

AND... that is the ONLY way the following Christ life is fruit of the Spirit satisfying!

John 17:15–19 (ESV) ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, **so I have sent them into the world.** ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

1 John 2:15–17 (ESV) ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV) ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16–26 (ESV)

Daily Reading Chapters Discussion - Scan the chapters – what insights and questions do you have?

† Exodus 19 - 21, God meets Israel on Mt. Sinai

Exodus 19:1–6 (ESV) (pew Bible page 60)

What God has done, v. 4

- ➔ *I rescued you and brought you to Myself*
- ➔ *I protected you and now I’m preparing you to soar*

What Israel must do, v. 5a – ***Offer contingent on obedience***

- ➔ *Obey Me and keep My covenant*

What God will do, vs. 5b-6 – ***Identity and Purpose***

- ➔ *Make you My treasured possession ... **Relationship***

“A peculiar people” ... Exodus 19:5 (KJV) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

- ➔ *Make you a kingdom of priests, a holy nation ... **Partnership***

1 Peter 2:4–12 (ESV) (pew Bible page 1014)

Israel's Convoluted Response.

Exodus 19:7–11, 16-17 (ESV) (pew Bible page 60)

Exodus 20:18–21 (ESV) (pew Bible page 61) following the Ten Commandments

† Exodus 21 – 23:19, God gives first laws Israel must obey

† Exodus 23:20 – 24, Canaan Conquest Promised, Covenant Confirmed

† Exodus 25 - 31, A place for THE Holy God – Presence and Worship

† Exodus 32, Rebellion (golden calf)

† Exodus 33-34, Leaving Mt. Sinai, new tablets, covenant renewed, Moses' shining face

† Exodus 35-39, Building the Tabernacle

† Exodus 40, Tabernacle Erected, God's Presence/glory descends and abides

Exodus 40:34–38 (ESV) (pew Bible page 80)

Chronological Guide: pages 22- 23 – Calf idols, forbidden objects, ark of the covenant

Takeaways:

