

New Song Learning Communities, August 6-9, 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)

Bible Recap, July 30-August 6, Days 211-217, pages 1169-1214, circa 711- 621 B.C.

HISTORY COVERED – Israel is conquered and led into captivity.

Judah, 6 kings incl final 3 good kings. About 50 years left before being conquered.

BIBLE RECAP COVERED – 2 Kings 20-23, 2 Chronicles 32-35, Isaiah 54-66, Nahum 1-3

Isaiah – warnings, promises, prophecies about Jesus

Nahum – God’s judgement of Nineveh

2 Kings & 2 Chronicles – Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jehoahaz, the end of Judah

Isa 54-55 Eternal Covenant of Peace, Compassion of Lord
Isa 56 Salvation for Foreigners, Israel’s Irresponsible Leaders
Isa 57 Israel’s Futile Idolatry, Comfort for the Contrite
Isa 58 True and False Fasting
Isa 59 Evil and Oppression, Judgment and Redemption
Isa 60-61 The Future Glory of Israel, Year of Lord’s Favor
Isa 62 Zion’s Coming Salvation
Isa 63-64 Lord’s Vengeance, Lord’s Mercy, Prayer for Mercy
Isa 65 Judgment & Salvation, New Heavens & a New Earth
Isa 66 The Humble and Contrite in Spirit, Rejoice with
Jerusalem, Final Judgment and Glory of the Lord
2 Kings 20 Hezekiah’s Illness, Babylonian Envoys

2 Kings 21 Manasseh’s Idolatry, Amon Reigns in Judah
2 Ch 32 Sennacherib Invades Judah, Blasphemes, The Lord
Delivers Jerusalem, Hezekiah’s Pride and Achievements
2 Ch 33 Manasseh’s Repentance, Amon’s Reign and Death
Nahum 1 God’s Wrath Against Nineveh
Nahum 2 The Destruction of Nineveh
Nahum 3 Woe to Nineveh
2 Kings 22 Josiah Repairs Temple, Hilkiah Finds Book Law
2 Kings 23 Josiah’s Reforms, Death in Battle, Jehoahaz’s
Reign and Captivity, Jehoiakim Reigns in Judah
2 Ch 34 Josiah, Law Found, Huldah Prophecies Disaster
2 Ch 35 Josiah Keeps the Passover, Josiah Killed in Battle

SUNDAY’S MESSAGE

† **“The Surrender Prayer:”** *Lord, I love You more than _____, I give _____ to You.
Do whatever You want in me and through me.*

† The Surrender Prayer is a **learned skill** requiring MUCH time and practice
Motivation and Skill thru habits... the Why and the How both required

† Life’s battles are not with “flesh and blood,” including ourselves

Ephesians 6:12–13 (ESV) ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

† Spiritual leaders are to be **models, living parables**

1 Corinthians 4:9 (ESV) ⁹For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV) ¹Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The God Who Is or the God We Imagine *Obeying God through The Surrender Prayer modeled by prophets*

1. God’s Gives Weird Instructions – RSU, Unseen Purposes.

➔ in general

Matthew 5-7, Sermon on the Mount

Job 11:7–9 ⁷“Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? ⁸It is higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know? ⁹Its measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.

Romans 11:33–34 (ESV) ³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Romans 8:28 (ESV) ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

→ in specific situations

Isaiah 20:1–4 (ESV) (pew Bible page 582/ Bible Recap page 1070)

Jeremiah 13:1–11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 641/ Bible Recap page 1249)

Ezekiel 4:1–8 (ESV) (pew Bible page 694/ Bible Recap page 1364)

Ezekiel 5:1–4 (ESV) (pew Bible page 694/ Bible Recap page 1366)

Hosea 1:2–3 (ESV)

2. Anxiety comes with RSU Kingdom instructions.

→ our default is to resist the unusual, unfamiliar = anxiety

→ “do not fear” is a constant part of God’s weird instructions

3. Surrendered Anxiety leads to developing God’s heart.

Philippians 4:4–7 (ESV) ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4. Perseverance in living The Surrender Prayer is KEY.

Philippians 4:8–9 ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Chronological Guide: pages 86-87, 90

Takeaways:

