

New Song Learning Communities, Sept. 10-13, 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)

HISTORY COVERED – Ezekiel is called by God to be a prophet in Babylonian captivity

BIBLE RECAP COVERED – Ezekiel 23-42; Sept. 3-9, Days 246-252, circa 591-573 B.C.

Ezek 23 Oholah and Oholibah

Ezek 24 The Siege of Jerusalem, Ezekiel's Wife Dies

Ezek 25 Prophecy Against Ammon, Moab, Seir, Edom, Philistia

Ezek 26 Prophecy Against Tyre

Ezek 27 A Lament for Tyre

Ezek 28 Prophecy Against Prince of Tyre, Lament over King of Tyre, Prophecy Against Sidon, Israel Gathered in Security

Ezek 29 Prophecy Against Egypt

Ezek 30 A Lament for Egypt, Egypt Shall Fall to Babylon

Ezek 31 Pharaoh to Be Slain

Ezek 32 A Lament over Pharaoh and Egypt

Ezek 33 Ezekiel Is Israel's Watchman, Why Will You Die, Israel? Jerusalem Struck Down

Ezek 34 Prophecy Against Shepherds of Israel, Lord God Will Seek Them Out, The Lord's Covenant of Peace

Ezek 35 Prophecy Against Mount Seir

Ezek 36 Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel, Lord's Concern for His Holy Name, I Will Put My Spirit Within You

Ezek 37 Valley of Dry Bones, I Will Be Their God; They Shall Be My People

Ezek 38 - 39:24 Prophecy Against Gog

Ezek 39:25 The Lord Will Restore Israel

Ezek 40 Vision of New Temple with specifics about its parts

Ezek 41 The Inner Temple,

Ezek 42 The Temple's Chambers

➔ **EZEKIEL 23-42** – from exile in Babylon, to the exiles AND to people still in Jerusalem

Timeline: just before the siege of Jerusalem, Jeremiah's conflicts and laments, the fall of Jerusalem, the events of Daniel 1-4.

➔ From Sunday, **DANIEL 1-6 ... it is not about Daniel or other people in the story but about GOD!** The core of the book of Daniel is that God is **WAY, WAY, WAY BIGGER THAN** everything as He works His plan to Messiah Who will bring salvation and restoration. But He partners with people who show us

1. There is always a cost for obeying God

2. We have no idea of the ER & HR ripples from our actions

3. God is glorified through people when they obey in hard circumstances

Book of Daniel provides a pattern: a situation didn't want to be in ➔ disobey ER authorities with respect

➔ obey God to do hard things under pressure ➔ God acts and is glorified through them

NOTE: each case they didn't seek personal help but God to be glorified!

Which of the chapters/ opportunities/ difficulties caught your attention and why?

Pew Bible page 737/ Bible Recap page 1455

Chapter 1. Obediently deny in ways that may not seem to matter. – Obeying God by refusing to eat the king's food

Daniel 1:8-20 (ESV)

Chapter 2. Obediently act against protocol – King's dream, impotent wisemen, Daniel steps up

Daniel 2:1-49 (ESV)

Chapter 3. Obediently stand at risk of life against majority – King demands all bow to statue; Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego refuse, though threatened; thrown into fire; God rescues

Daniel 3:1–30 (ESV)

Chapter 4. Obediently speak God's hard words when dangerous – King's dream; Daniel interprets the hard meaning; God causes king's insanity for pride a year later; after 7 years God restores

Daniel 4:1–33 (ESV)

Chapter 5. Obediently speak God's hard words when we understand danger – King Belshazzar's arrogant banquet; God's handwriting on the wall; older Daniel interprets hard meaning; kingdom conquered

Daniel 5:1–31 (ESV)

Chapter 6. Obediently worship at risk of life – King Darius tricked into “no other worship” order; Daniel blatantly disobeys, thrown into lion pit; God delivers.

Daniel 6:1–28 (ESV)

Chronological Guide: p 105-106, 131-132

Takeaways:

