New Song Learning Communities, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 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)

NO Learning Communities NEXT WEEK - participate in Prayer Gathering on Tuesday.

HISTORY COVERED – Final weeks of Jesus' life and ministry incarnated

BIBLE RECAP COVERED – Gospels, Oct. 22-Nov. 4, Days 295-308, 29-30 A.D.

✝ Oct. 1 through Nov. 15, Bible Recap study of the Gospels – digging in together for. APPLICATIONS

✝ What experiences with fasting would you share to encourage others?

✝ Self-denial is THE path to following Jesus. It is the FIRST step Jesus stated

Matthew 16:24 (ESV) Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34 (ESV) And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Luke 9:23 (ESV) And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

✝ The Gospels – so named because they chronicle the *good news* of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection—the basis of our salvation. The first three, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are called "synoptic" because they "see together with a common view" (the word *synoptic* literally means "together sight").

Matthew, also known as Levi, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, wrote for a Jewish audience to show from Jesus' genealogy and fulfillment of OT prophecies that He was the long-expected Messiah. Matthew's emphasis is that Jesus is the promised King, the "Son of David," who would forever sit upon the throne of Israel (Matt 9:27; 21:9).

Mark, Barnabas' cousin, and close friend and scribe to Peter, may have been eyewitness to Jesus' life. He wrote for a Gentile audience, thus not including things important to Jewish readers (genealogies, controversies with Jewish leaders, Old Testament references, etc.). Mark emphasizes Christ as the suffering Servant, the One who came not to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Luke, was the only Gentile author of NT and wrote for a Gentile audience. As the "beloved physician, evangelist, and companion of apostle Paul, he wrote both the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the apostles. Long accepted as a diligent master historian, he states his intent to write down an orderly account of the life of Christ based on the reports of eyewitnesses (Luke 1:1-4). Luke often refers to Christ as the "Son of Man," emphasizing His humanity, and he shares many details that are not found in the other gospel accounts.

John, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, known as "the disciple Jesus loved," emphasized the Person of Christ and the meaning of faith. It is distinct from the others in that it focuses on Jesus' interactions with people that provide much theological content which emphasizes both the deity and humanity of Christ, revealing the error of the Gnostics who did not believe in Christ's humanity. John states his overall purpose: "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31). (gotquestions.org)

✝ *Any general questions* about readings as lean in Jesus' yoke together?

Matt 18 *Who Is the Greatest?, Temptations to Sin, Parable of the Lost Sheep, If Your Brother Sins Against You, Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

John 7 *Jesus at the Feast of Booths, Can This Be the Christ?, Officers Sent to Arrest Jesus, Rivers of Living Water, Division Among the People*

John 8 *Woman Caught in Adultery, I Am the Light of the World, Truth Will Set You Free , You Are of Your Father the Devil, Before Abraham Was, I Am*

John 9 *Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind*

John 10 *I Am the Good Shepherd, I and the Father Are One*

Luke 10 *Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two, Woe to Unrepentant Cities, Return of the Seventy-Two, Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will, Parable of the Good Samaritan, Martha and Mary*

Luke 12 Beware Leaven of the Pharisees, Have No Fear, Acknowledge Christ Before Men, Parable of the Rich Fool, Do Not Be Anxious, You Must Be Ready, Not Peace, but Division, Settling with Your Accuser

Luke 13 Repent or Perish, Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, A Woman with a Disabling Spirit, Mustard Seed and Leaven, Narrow Door, Lament over Jerusalem

Luke 14 Healing of Man on Sabbath, Parable of the Wedding Feast, Parable of the Great Banquet, Cost of Discipleship, Salt Without Taste Is Worthless

Luke 15 Parable of Lost Sheep, Parable of Lost Coin, Parable of Prodigal Son

Luke 16 Parable of Dishonest Manager, Law & the Kingdom of God, Divorce and Remarriage, Rich Man & Lazarus

Luke 17 Temptations to Sin, Increase Our Faith, Unworthy Servants, Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers, Coming of Kingdom

NEXT WEEK:

John 11 Death of Lazarus, Jesus Weeps, Jesus Raises Lazarus, Plot to Kill Jesus

Luke 18 The Parable of the Persistent Widow, The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Let the Children Come to Me, The Rich Ruler, Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time, Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

Matt 19 Teaching About Divorce, Let the Children Come to Me

Mark 10 Teaching About Divorce, Let the Children Come to Me, Rich Young Man, Jesus Foretells His Death 3rd Time, Request of James and John, Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

Matt 20 Laborers in Vineyard, Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time, A Mother's Request, Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Matt 21 Triumphal Entry, Jesus Cleanses Temple, Jesus Curses Fig Tree, Authority of Jesus Challenged, Parable of the Two Sons, Parable of the Tenants

Luke 19 Jesus and Zacchaeus, Parable of Ten Minas, Triumphal Entry, Jesus Cleanses Temple

Mark 11 Triumphal Entry, Jesus Curses the Fig Tree, Jesus Cleanses the Temple, Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree, Authority of Jesus Challenged

John 12 Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany, Plot to Kill Lazarus, Triumphal Entry, Some Greeks Seek Jesus, Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up, Unbelief of the People,

Matt 22 Parable of the Wedding Feast, Paying Taxes to Caesar, Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection, Great Commandment, Whose Son Is the Christ?

Mark 12 Parable of Tenants, Paying Taxes to Caesar, Sadducees Ask About Resurrection, Great Commandment, Whose Son Is the Christ?, Beware of the Scribes, Widow's Offering

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Takeaways: Highlights from the takeaways identified above?