New Song Learning Communities, Oct. 8-11, 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 – Birth and beginning of ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus

BIBLE RECAP COVERED – Luke 1-5, John 1-4, Matt. 1-4 & 8, Mark -2, Oct. 1-7, Days 274-280, circa 6 B.C. – 27 A.D.

✝ *Any questions* as we move into the New Testament?

✝ Oct. 1 through Nov. 15 in the Bible Recap study is the Gospels. Learning Communities will walk through Jesus' life, deliberately identifying the recorded moments synchronously in all four Gospels. This will give us a more comprehensive understanding of Who Jesus is, What Jesus did and Why it is important for us.

➔ Assignment: as you read each day, note and bring to Learning Community questions, insights, challenges, truths, encouragements, ***especially applications***, etc. The S.O.A.P. method is an option: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer (surrender and obedience).

✝ Bible Recap Chapters – in each chapter identify the above, but especially APPLICATIONS/ Takeaways

Suggestion: put sticky note in each Gospel to more easily read from each

Luke 1 *Dedication, Births of John and Jesus foretold, Mary's Song, John born, Zechariah's prophecy*

John 1 *The Word Became Flesh, John's Testimony, Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

Matt 1 *Genealogy of Jesus Christ, Birth of Jesus Christ*

Luke 2 *Birth of Jesus Christ, Shepherds and Angels, Return to Nazareth, Boy Jesus in the Temple*

Matt 2 *Visit of Wise Men, Flight to Egypt, Herod Kills the Children, Return to Nazareth*

Matt 3 *John Prepares the Way, Baptism of Jesus*

Mark 1 *John Prepares the Way, Jesus Baptized, Tempted, Begins Ministry, Calls First Disciples, Heals, Preaches*

Luke 3 *John Prepares the Way, Jesus baptized, His Genealogy*

Matt 4 *Jesus Baptized, Tempted, Begins Ministry, Calls First Disciples, Ministers to Great Crowds*

Luke 4 *Jesus Tempted, Begins Ministry, Rejected at Nazareth, Heals Man of Unclean Demon & Others, in Synagogues*

Luke 5 *Jesus Calls First Disciples, Cleanses a Leper, Heals a Paralytic, Calls Levi*

John 2 *Wedding at Cana, Jesus Cleanses the Temple, Knows What Is in Man*

John 3 *Must Be Born Again, God So Loved the World, John the Baptist Exalts Christ*

John 4 *Woman of Samaria, Healing of an Official's Son*

Matt 8 *Cleanses Leper, Faith of Centurion, Heals Many, Cost of Following, Calms Storm, Heals 2 Men w/ Demons*

Mark 2 *Heals a Paralytic, Calls Levi, A Question About Fasting, Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath*

➔ Notes from Sunday's message: *Jesus is EVERYTHING!!*

Jesus' incarnation is THE most important "Here He Comes" moment ever – page between Malachi and Matthew

1. Jesus has always been and always present.

Colossians 1:15–23 (ESV)

✝ eternal ✝ at creation ✝ at the fall ✝ at the first promise ✝ as The Angel of God throughout the OT

2. Jesus came Incarnate.

"His-Story" continues with Jesus in NT in "out of the box" ways

Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 980/ Bible Recap page 1906)

✝ Conception ✝ Birth ✝ Baptism ✝ Temptation ✝ Fully SLO to the Father

John 5:19 (ESV) [19]So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

Hebrews 12:1–3 (ESV) [1]Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2]**looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God**. [3]Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

3. Jesus invites us to know God as "God with us".

✝ Meaning of life is a Person - Logos

John 1:1–14 (ESV) (Pew Bible page 886/ Bible Recap page 1558)

✝ the WAY is a Person

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV) [28]Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

✝ LIFE is a Person ✝ TRUTH is a Person ✝ HOPE is a Person ✝ PEACE is a Person ✝ JOY is a Person ✝ *EVERYTHING*

Chronological Guide: p 143-156

Takeaways: Highlights from the takeaways identified above?