HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH 曉士頓中國教會 SERMON NOTES

1.

Love for the Unlovely: The Story of Grace in the Life of Jacob The Idol of Love Genesis 29:1-35

Jacob, a man on a desperate search, seeks to fill an inner emptiness that has been gnawing at him. Earlier, we witnessed his longing for fatherly love and the family blessing. Now, his desire has shifted to the love of a beautiful woman. By the end of chapter 29, he remains oblivious to the fact that he is substituting romantic love for the divine love of God. However, this is the lesson learned by Leah – the character whose story beautifully embodies God's love for the unlovely.

| 2. | The startling limits of romantic love | |
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3. The satisfaction of an otherworldly love

The nagging emptiness that drives us

English Adult Sunday School - Spring 2025 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Today marks the start of the spring quarter. We have three classes. Join us to learn more about God, theology, and the Bible. Sunday School classes meet at 11:00 am in the classrooms listed below.

Old Testament Survey (Part 6 of 6)

Room 113

Led by Henry Ow & Bill Huang

In the 2-year Old Testament Survey track, we will go through the 39 books of the Old Testament by providing a high-level overview of each book and its main ideas/themes. The Old Testament helps us understand God's character and is the foundation for the New Testament. Through the Old Testament, we also learn of God's promises and how they point to Jesus. In this quarter, we will continue to journey through the historical books (1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther) and prophets (Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi). The format of the class will be a blend of lectures, discussions, small group exercises and sharing applications for our lives. We hope that you can join us!

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Room 115

Led by Chris Lu, James Hsia, John Hsieh, & Terence Chan

One of the most challenging yet important aspects of parenting is how to raise our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Join us as we study the book: *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. This class will be for anyone interested in child-rearing. The teachers' wives will also be present to add examples and their reflections.

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 3 of 3)

Room 210

Led by Jason Tarn, Erik Wiest, Michael Cao, & Greg Krafka

This survey course will provide you with a strong theological foundation for Christian life and ministry. We will explore key doctrines across the spectrum of systematic theology. In Part 3, we will explore the doctrines of the church and the last things (end times).



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THE DEAD SHALL RISE

Join us for a Collaborative Prayer Gathering this Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary!

During the Lenten season (March 5–April 20), let us commit to daily prayer, fasting, and engaging with devotionals



Sign up for daily devos & receive a free bracelet in the lobby!



HCC Awaken GroupMe



SATURDAY APRIL 5

9:15 AM - 11:30 AM

COST: \$6

FOLLOWED BY OPTIONAL LUNCH (LOCATION TBD)

ALL SKILL LEVELS (BEGINNER'S CLASS AVAILABLE - LIMITED)

REGISTER BY MARCH 23

