



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
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## SERMON NOTES

JUNE 1, 2025

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### **Love for the Unlovely: The Story of Grace in the Life of Jacob**

#### True Reconciliation

*Genesis 33:1-17*

Twenty years prior, Jacob stole Esau's blessing and fled to evade his brother's wrath. Our text begins with an air of uncertainty as to how their reunion will unfold. But it's quickly apparent that Esau's fury has turned away. There's no longing for revenge. Instead, there's an act of true reconciliation. This act of grace can show us how to mend our own fractured relationships.

#### 1. The Source of True Reconciliation

#### 2. The Cost of True Reconciliation

#### 3. The Impact of True Reconciliation

## **English Adult Sunday School – Summer 2025**

**11:00 am – 12:15 pm**

Today marks the start of the summer 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.

### ***A Praying Life* by Paul E. Miller**

**Room 113**

*Led by Nathan Leu, Brian Ng, & Henry Ow*

Prayer can sometimes feel like an ineffective chore that we should be doing, but prayer is simply a child having a conversation with a good Father through the normal rhythms of life. Join us as we study the book: *A Praying Life* by Paul E. Miller and learn about prayer and implement practices from the book into our class and individual prayer lives.

### **Survey of Church History: The Medieval Church (AD 500-1500)**

*Led by James Hsia, Melvin Huang, & Jason Tarn*

**Room 115**

The church possesses a rich history. Its history enables us to understand the Bible better and deepen our worship of God. This class, taught by Dr. W. Robert Godfrey (Ligonier Ministries), will explore the hopes, challenges, triumphs, and tragedies of Christianity during the Middle Ages. This class will consist of a 25-30 minute video lecture followed by discussion.

### **Developing Skills to Enhance Your Personal Study of the Bible: Using Time-tested Methods and 21st Century Tools**

*Led by Bill Huang*

**Room 210**

In Acts 17:11, Paul noted that the Bereans “received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so”. Are we able to study the Bible each day like the Bereans did? In this class, we will study passages of Scripture using the steps of observation, asking questions, interpretation and application of the text. To interpret the text, we will use the Bible as much as possible to answer our questions, along with tools such as lexicons and concordances. Attendees will have an opportunity to express their specific learning needs and class sessions will be designed to encourage their active participation. It will be helpful to bring a tablet or laptop computer to class. At the conclusion of this class, attendees will be able to study a passage of the Bible, make observations, interpret it and apply it to their lives. Further growth of these skills will occur as participants continue to study the Bible on their own.