



# Discipleship

According to Mark



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
華人教會

**The Beginning of the Gospel**  
**Preacher: Melvin Huang**

Sunday, January 4, 2026 | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Mark 1:1-15*

Worship in the Word, Melvin Huang

“The Beginning of the Gospel” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction & Doxology

### Lord's Supper

We partake in the Lord's Supper together to remember the price Christ paid to restore us into a relationship with God and anticipate Christ's return.



## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### A New Teacher with Authority

January 11 | *Mark 1:16-45* | Jason Tarn

### The Authority to Forgive

January 18 | *Mark 2:1-17* | Jason Tarn

### God Cares About the Baby and Mother (Sanctity of Life Sunday)

January 25 | *Exodus 21:22-25* | Melvin Huang

### The Lord of the Sabbath

February 1 | *Mark 2:18-3:12* | Jason Tarn



### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:  
[hcc.lv/sermons](http://hcc.lv/sermons)



## ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes from 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

**New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3): Romans-2 Thessalonians | Rm 115**

**Christian Ethics (Part 2 of 3) | Chapel**

**Finding your PLACE | January 25 – February 22 | Rm 113**



## Discipleship According to Mark (Part I)

## The Beginning of the Gospel: Jesus' Identity and Our Response

## *Mark 1:1-15*

There is no better way to kick off the new year than to study the life of our Lord. The Roman emperor who reigned when Christ was born, Caesar Augustus, was hailed as the “son of god,” and the “Great Heavenly Savior.” Of course, this flatly contradicts the Bible. But in today’s age of bespoke spirituality and customized beliefs (metamodernism), it’s somehow possible to hail both the Caesar of today (whoever or whatever that is) and King Jesus at the same time even though it’s incoherent or contradictory. Thankfully though, Mark offers a powerful and refreshing response by uncompromisingly presenting Jesus, not Caesar, as the gospel, as the Savior of the world. Mark proclaims Jesus as the authoritative yet suffering Son of God, to whom we need to respond with repentance and belief.

## I. Background on Mark

## II. What is the Gospel? (v1)

### **III. Who is Jesus? (vv2-13)**

A. Old Testament Prophecy (vv2-3)

B. John's Preparation (vv4-8)

C. Baptism of Jesus (vv9-11)

D. Temptation of Jesus (vv12-13)

### **IV. What is Your Response to Jesus? (vv14-15)**



**Scan to find out more about HCC's discipling ministry!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### HCC Discipling Ministry

Interested in participating in a discipling relationship? Learn more on how you can get involved: [hcc.lv/engdiscipling](http://hcc.lv/engdiscipling)!

### Mothers of Little Ones | Monday, January 5th | 9:30 AM-11:30 AM | Fire Truck Park

MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will have a playdate this Monday at Fire Truck Park!

Playdates are now the 1st and 3rd MONDAY of the month. For questions or inclement weather, contact Yi Wang at [eeex101@gmail.com](mailto:eeex101@gmail.com).

### All Church Prayer Service | Sunday, January 11th | 5:00PM | Chapel

Join us for prayer. This will be an intergenerational prayer meeting followed by a potluck dinner. Nursery childcare is available for children up to 3 yrs of age. !

### Emotional Regulation | Thursday, January 15th | 8:30 PM-9:30 PM | ZOOM online

Calm in the Chaos: Parenting Strategies for Emotional Regulation. Montessori early childhood teacher Mimi will be answering questions about developing emotional regulation in our kids. All are welcomed (including dads and singles), link to come. This will a Q&A, so please ask questions beforehand: [hcc.lv/questions](http://hcc.lv/questions). Contact Yi Wang at [eeex101@gmail.com](mailto:eeex101@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [hcc.lv/zoom](http://hcc.lv/zoom).

### Ordination Service for Stanley Chang | Sat., January 24th | 3:00 PM-5:00 PM | Sanctuary

Please join us for the ordination service of Stanley Chang into the pastoral ministry. A light reception will follow in the chapel.

### HCC Football League | January 29th-March 29th | Sunday afternoons | Willow Park

HCCFL aims to provide a Christ-centered environment for believers and nonbelievers within HCC through the game of flag football. Registration closes on 1/20. If you have interest or questions, please direct them to Samuel Lau at [Samuellau93@gmail.com](mailto:Samuellau93@gmail.com).

### STM Taiwan 2026 | July 3rd-19th | Taiwan

Mr. Frank will lead a short-term missions team to Taiwan in July 2026. Interested individuals can sign up at [hcc.lv/twnstm](http://hcc.lv/twnstm) for either the Tainan STM (7/3-7/12) or the Taipei STM (7/11-7/19), or both.

### F3 Men's Workout Group | Saturdays | 6:30 AM-7:30 AM | HCC Rear Parking

Join us for a FREE F3 workout in the rear parking lot. Please enter through the kitchen-side driveway or the back alley. For questions, contact David at [David.Cheong921@gmail.com](mailto:David.Cheong921@gmail.com).

## CHURCH NOTICES

### 2025 Reimbursement Vouchers Due January 25, 2026

All reimbursement vouchers for 2025 expense must be submitted by **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. Any vouchers submitted after January 25th will NOT be accepted.

### New Building Children's Center Fundraising Campaign

Please prayerfully consider giving to fund the renovation of the Children's Center on the second floor of our new building. Our goal is \$800K. You can make checks payable to "Houston Chinese Church" and memo, "Second Floor Children's Center." You can also use ".30" through PayPal Giving Fund, for example: "\$5,000.30."

### 50th Anniversary Magazine

We are happy to announce that the HCC 50th Anniversary magazine is now available for pickup. This magazine highlights the history of HCC and reflects on the many blessings God has graciously given us over the past 50 years. Please pick up the magazine in the lobby, and kindly take one copy per household.

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 28, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

320	56	181	{}	15	37	609	TOTAL
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN		



### HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

85	41	43	32	71	{}	5	22	5	12
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN

### PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 28, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
<b>HCC GENERAL</b>	201,787.48	\$2,360,816.99	(\$300,915.29)*	(\$113,759.52)
<b>PCC GENERAL</b>	\$18,427.82**	\$221,298.82		
<b>HCC BUILDING</b>	\$97,080.50	\$519,869.44		
<b>ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	\$36,885.18	\$1,401,895.35		
<b>RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	\$137,808.55	\$1,375,113.77		
<b>2ND FLOOR CHILDREN'S CENTER</b>	\$131,899.25	\$187,123.93***		

\* Year-end numbers for 2025 will not be finalized until the beginning of February due to PPGF, stock, cash and check donations, as well as expense reimbursements, occurring after 12/28/2025.

\*\*PCC's 12/21 offerings are included in the 12/28 numbers.

\*\*\* Out of a total \$296,450.93 committed YTD.



### LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

*No Lunch* (this week)

*Living Spring/Agape* (next week)



### PPGF GIVING CODES

Your donation will default to the General Fund, unless you use a code to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

- "27" - Fulfilling your Renovation Pledge
- "25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge
- "22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund
- "30" - Second Floor Children's Center

## ABOUT US

### New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor, we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: [hcc.lv/welcome](http://hcc.lv/welcome) OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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