



## HOUSTON PROJECT

Be a missionary to your own city.  
Jul 8-12

Have you ever wanted to be a missionary or go on a mission trip? Now's your chance! Be a missionary to your own city during the Houston Project the evenings of Jul 8-12.

Choose from 16 ministry sites around town to serve with Vacation Bible School, Youth Events, Adult Ministry, Evangelism, Prayer, Sports Ministry or Food Distribution.

The cost through Jun 10 is \$35 for adults, \$25 for single parents & college students and free for kids under 18. Like any other mission trip, these funds help pay for supplies, food, transportation, t-shirts and other needs.

If you're unable to participate this year, please lift this effort up in prayer, or support it financially by giving online at [HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject).

Important Dates:

Initial Site Meetings  
**Sun, Jun 24 @ 2p – At the Loop**

Evangelism Training  
**Sun, Jul 1 @ 12:30p – Oasis Rm**

Kick Off Rally and Final Site Meetings  
**Sat, Jul 7 @ 10:30a – At the Loop**

[HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject)  
or stop by the Main Foyer to register

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## LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Visit the Welcome Center for help finding a Life Bible Study, or visit [HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies). Here are some to consider:

- **3 Strands** @ 9:15a, Rm 501/502, couples married 2-3 years
- **Safe Harbor** @ 9:15a, Rm 263, adults all ages
- **The Refiners** @ 10:45a, Rm 249, adults ages 65-77
- **EPIC – Chronological Bible Study** @ 6:45p, Harbor Rm, single adults ages 20-39

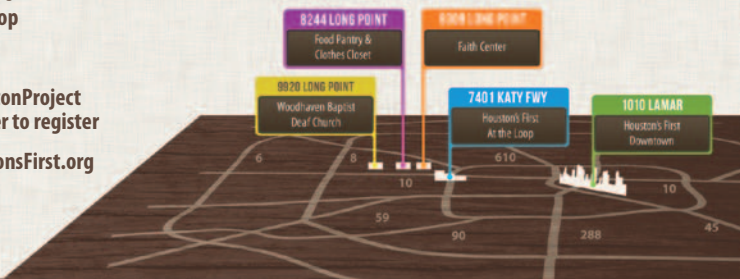


## HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

**Wed, Jun 6 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (tunnel level)**  
Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia speaks at this week's Downtown Bible study at the location of our Downtown Campus. Lunch begins at 11:30a for \$8, and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40p.

[HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint)  
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## TIMES, LOCATIONS & CONNECTIONS



### SUNDAYS AT THE LOOP

Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p  
Life Bible Study 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 4:15p • 6:45p  
Kids' Worship 9:15a • 11a • 5:30p

### SUNDAYS DOWNTOWN

Worship 11a  
Life Bible Study 9:30a



# FIRST THOUGHT



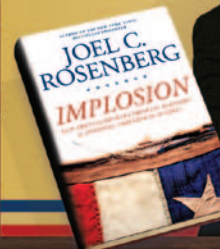
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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)  
We looked at that timeless truth on August 22, 2010, when we began our study of the Gospel of John. Throughout our journey, God's Word faithfully revealed His truth, love, authority, grace, and so much more. We've talked about healing, finances, death, parenting, relationships – and even lettuce wraps! I appreciate how our church family embraced this idea of spending two years in one book of the Bible. No matter where we are in His Word, what it reveals is always relevant and timely. May we never forget that, and may we always seek His Truth.

In Him,

*Pastor Gregg*

## COMING



## IMPLOSION WITH JOEL ROSENBERG

**Sat, Jun 16 @ 9a-Noon – Worship Center (At the Loop)**

What happens to America in the last days? *New York Times* best-selling author Joel Rosenberg addresses that and other topics as he takes your questions and introduces his latest book, *IMPLOSION: Can America Recover From Its Economic & Spiritual Challenges In Time?* Purchase tickets online.

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# NEWS + UPDATES

Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant, biblical community where we **gather our hearts**, **grow our souls** and **give our lives** as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: I love being apart of @HoustonsFirst even 1,000 miles away in Louisville! #missthatplace #thankfulforwebcast - @jsweeney27

## METROLIVE

Every Thu thru Aug 2 @ 7:30p

Worship Center (At the Loop)

Adults 20s/30s (college, single & married)

This week: Ben Stuart with The 71's

MetroLIVE.org



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jun 25-29 @ 9a-12:30p - At the Loop

K-5th grade

Encounter God against the backdrop of the world's marvelous natural wonders! And, it's free!

HoustonsFirst.org/VBS



## SUMMER MUSIC AT SOFA

Various Dates

Open to all ages

Sign up for summer classes and private lessons at the School of Fine Arts right here at Houston's First!

HoustonsFirst.org/SummerSoFA

## CHURCHWIDE

### FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER

Please pardon our dust over the next few months as the FRC gets a makeover. All facilities are still open and classes will continue to meet - kickboxing, spinning and more. Individual memberships are only \$25/month.

HoustonsFirst.org/FitnessRecreationCenter

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### SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Give your life away this summer on a mission trip with Houston's First! Spots are still open on trips headed to Athens and Montana. Where is God leading you?

HoustonsFirst.org/Missions

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### EAST ASIA MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sun, Jun 10 @ 12:15p - Rm 253

Learn about this trip (Oct 5-14) to an unreached people group where less than 2% of the population believes in Christ. Ministry options include House Church Bible Conference teaching, orphanage work, and prayer hiking.

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### FATHER/SON BACKPACKING TRIP

Jul 14-21 - Colorado Springs, CO

Discuss what it means to be a godly man in today's world as you explore the beauty of God's creation! Fathers with older sons will go on a 7-day/6-night backpacking trip, while fathers with younger sons will do day-hikes leaving from and returning to basecamp at Bear Trap Ranch each day. Register by June 10.

HoustonsFirst.org/Backpacking

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## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

### SUMMER WEEK OF CHOIR

Jul 16-19 @ 9a-3p & Jul 20 @ 9a-Noon - At the Loop

Join the fun of this power-packed musical week for children K-5th grade! Kids will sing, play, and learn about God then wrap it up with a performance Friday evening showcasing all they've learned. Space is limited! Register online. Cost is \$125/child.

HoustonsFirst.org/SWoC

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## STUDENTS

### SUMMER RUSH - WED NIGHTS

Every Wed, beginning Jun 6 @ 6:30-8:30p - At the Loop

Spend your Wed nights this summer with the HUB Student Ministry laughing and playing crazy games, winning cool prizes, and hanging out with your friends!

HoustonsFirst.org/RushExperience

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## WOMEN

### SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

This June, women can grow their souls at Bible studies just for them. Each study takes place At the Loop.

- *Glimpsing God's Glory by Telling Your Story*  
With Nancy Taylor & hosted by Rebecca Search  
Every Wed, Jun 6-20 @ 6:30-8:30p - Rm 257/258
- *The Fitting Room*  
By Kelly Minter with Emily Skaggs  
Every Thu, Jun 7-21 @ 9:30-11:30a - Rm 253/254
- *A Full Life in Empty Places*  
With Debbie Stuart  
Sat, Jun 9 @ 9:30-11:30a - Fellowship Ctr

HoustonsFirst.org/Women

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## UPCOMING

**JUN 7** Griefshare @ 7-8p - Rm 249  
Support for those who have lost a loved one  
HoustonsFirst.org/Griefshare

**JUN 17** Single Parent Families  
Father's Day Lunch  
HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

**JUN 23** Single Parent Families  
Summer Kick Off Party  
HoustonsFirst.org/SingleParentFamilies

**JUN 25** Senior Adult Bus Trip  
Downtown Library & Weather Museum  
HoustonsFirst.org/Adults60Plus

**JUL 1** 4th of July Week  
Normal worship schedule and Life Bible Studies  
At the Loop and Downtown

**JUL 15** Lord's Supper  
Observed in all worship services  
At the Loop and Downtown

**JUL 22** Missionary Prayer Time  
2-4p - Reception Rm  
HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer

**JUL 27** Family Mission Trip - Galveston, TX  
Families of 1st-5th graders  
HoustonsFirst.org/FamilyMissionTrip

FOUNDATION *of prayer*

Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the foundations of the Worship Center and children's building.

Need more info? Call 713.681.8000 to get in touch with us. Connect with us online anytime at HoustonsFirst.org or follow us on



**CREATING A WORSHIPFUL ENVIRONMENT.** Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins. At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the service during this time. Pastor Gregg and other worshipers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.