



PEOPLE GROUP DISCOVERY & ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

**Fri, Sep 25 @ 5:30-8:30p - Sat, Sep 26 @ 9a-7p
The Loop (Garden Room)**

At this workshop, you'll learn about the diverse people groups in Houston, how to engage them, and have the opportunity to go on a people group excursion around the city. Space is limited. \$20 registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

ISFM is a non live-in friendship ministry open to all Christian families and single adults. After being matched with a student, friendship hosts are asked to be in contact with their student at least once a month and invite them into their homes. Friendship hosts are asked to complete a short application form and attend a one-time orientation class.

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For more information on Giving Life Away, contact Charlotte.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org



SHUTTLE PARKING

Do you attend The Loop on Sunday mornings? Use shuttle parking to make room for others! It's a simple way to expand the ministry of our church. Get details on the five garages at HoustonsFirst.org/ShuttleParking.

MILESTONES & MIDLINK PREVIEW NIGHT

Wed, Aug 26 @ 6:30-8p — The Loop

The fall semester of Milestones (discipleship courses) and MidLink (Wednesday nights) at The Loop Campus is almost here! At Preview Night, hear from Pastor Gregg, worship together, and discover upcoming opportunities to grow in your faith through various classes and events. Back to School Bashes for NextGen Ministries are this night, as well, and dinner for all ages is available at MidLink Cafe from 4:45-6:15p in the Fellowship Center.



HoustonsFirst.org/Milestones

UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Nov 13-14 — The Loop

At this first-of-its-kind event at Houston's First, discover how you can be part of spreading the unstoppable Gospel at home and around the world. Learn from keynote speakers, explore topics in breakout sessions, and find out where our mission trips are headed in 2016. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Unstoppable.



HOUSTON'S FIRST
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Weekly Guide
Aug 23, 2015

D I F F E R E N C E M A K E R S

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

The Loop Campus

7401 Katy Fwy
Houston, TX 77024
Worship 9:15a-11a-5p
Life Bible Studies
8a-9:15a-10:45a-6:30p

Cypress Campus

Smith Middle School
10300 Warner Smith Blvd
Cypress, TX 77433
Worship 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Downtown Campus

Four Seasons Houston
1300 Lamar St
Houston, TX 77010
Worship 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

Sienna Campus

4309 Sienna Pkwy
Missouri City, TX 77459
Worship 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Spanish Campus

7401 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77024
Worship 5p
Life Bible Studies 6:30p



ALL CAMPUSES

Deacons' Meetings & Church Conference Sun, Aug 30 @ 2:30-5p — The Loop

Deacon Administrative meeting is at 2:30p in Rm 501/502. All Deacons will meet at 3:30p in Rm 504/505, followed by the monthly Church Conference at 4:30p. Anyone may attend the Church Conference, but only church members may vote.

HighPoint Bible Study Wednesdays @ 11:30a

This weekly downtown Bible study will meet Aug 26 in the Wells Fargo Plaza auditorium (1000 Louisiana) with Malcolm Marshall speaking. Bring your lunch and be ready for the lesson at 12:10p.

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint to learn more.

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Celebration Kick-Off Weekend Fri, Aug 28-Sat, Aug 29 — The Loop

The Choir & Orchestra will immerse themselves in Christmas cheer as they begin rehearsing for Celebration, our musical Christmas presentation on Dec 9-13. Join the Choir by simply showing up (no audition required), and join the Orchestra by scheduling an audition. The weekend happens Fri at 6:30p and Sat at 8:30a.

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Celebrate Recovery Every Thursday @ 6-9p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

People from every walk of life gather on Thursday nights for Celebrate Recovery, a ministry based on biblical principles to help people struggling with life issues. Celebrate Recovery provides a safe, confidential place to break out of life's hurts, habits, and hang ups in to God's grace. No RSVP is needed — just show up!

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WOMEN

Living Proof Live Simulcast Sat, Sep 12 @ 9:15a-4:15p The Loop (Worship Ctr)

Gather with women of all ages for a live simulcast of Beth Moore teaching on Audacious — her new book that dives into the message that has compelled her to serve women around the globe. While glancing over her ministry, Beth identified a missing link in her vision for women. What was missing? Let's just say it's audacious and it's for all of us — and it's the path to the life you were born to live. Register for \$5 at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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THE LOOP

Life Bible Study Leadership Luncheon Sun, Sep 13 @ 11:30a-1:45p The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)

Leaders with any role in a Life Bible Study are invited to this kick-off of the new semester! We'll hear and see ways that God is using Life Bible Studies to impact lives of members, leaders, and those in the community through our classes. People interested in leading are encouraged to come, too. RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Events, and register for childcare if needed (Birth-5th grade).

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Parenting Your Powerful Child Sun, Aug 30 @ 9:15a, 10:45a and 6:30p The Loop (Fitness & Rec Ctr)

Parents of children 18 and under — during your regular Life Bible Study hour, come hear Dr. Kevin Leman speak about "Parenting Your Powerful Child." Author of *Have a New Kid by Friday*, Dr. Leman is an internationally known Christian psychologist, award-winning New York Times bestselling author and has appeared on shows such as Good Morning America and the TODAY Show. No cost or registration required!

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SINGLE ADULTS 40+

Luau at the Lake Sat, Aug 29 @ 2p — Lake Houston

Spend a day "traveling" to Hawaii for an authentic Hawaiian luau! Enjoy the afternoon with friends playing volleyball, swimming, floating, kayaking and much more. That evening enjoy a live luau show, fire act and authentic Hawaiian food. Dinner and show will begin by 7:30p. Find more information about registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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WOMEN

Called Every Monday, Sep 14-Oct 19 @ 6:30-8p The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

To be called by God doesn't mean being sent to a remote village to do hard work. The call of God is "know Me," not "show Me." Gather with other women of all ages as Gari Meacham teaches a six-week study on how to better understand your calling. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Women.

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MEN

Men: Serve Sat, Sep 19 @ 8a-1p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Men will gather at The Loop then head out in teams to serve the widows of our church family around the city. Through yard work, home repairs, car maintenance, and other tasks — there is a place for you to serve! Register by Fri, Sep 11, at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.

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CYPRESS

MidLink Resumes Wed, Sep 2 @ 6-8p — Cypress Ministry Center

Looking to connect your kids midweek? BLAST and Mission Friends (Birth-5th grade), as well as Surge community groups (6th-12th grades) meet on Wednesday nights starting Sep 2.

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress for more details.

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DOWNTOWN

PLACE Downtown Every Wednesday, Sep 16-Oct 14 @ 7-8:30p Vine Street Studios

God calls all Christians to love and minister to others in their everyday lives. PLACE is a five-session class designed to help you discover how your personality, spiritual gifts, passions, and life experiences can work together to more effectively serve God and make an impact for His Kingdom. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown for a one-time fee of \$10. Vine Street Studios is located at 1113 Vine St., Suite 117.

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SIENNA

Make it Your Church Orientation Sun, Sep 20 — The Loft

Immediately after the 11a worship service, learn what it means to be a member of Houston's First at the Sienna Campus as you visit with staff and other new members over a free lunch. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna.

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SPANISH

Family Night Tue, Sep 15 @ 6:30-8:30p The Loop (Harbor Rm)

The Spanish Campus is coming together for a night of food and fun! Bring your family and invite your friends for bowling, games, laughs, and much more. This is a great time to introduce others to your church family, so RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/Espanol.

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LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

Life Bible Studies are the primary method for connecting with others and growing together at Houston's First. Visit HoustonsFirst.org to find one that's right for you, or ask the Welcome Team at your campus for assistance.



Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit HoustonsFirst.org, and 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.