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THE HISTORY OF TRUE JESUS CHURCH (I)

“Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:8–9)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God inspired and directed His workers to establish the church in China. The Holy Spirit taught the early workers the correct doctrine of baptism and the Sabbath Day.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	All of us were chosen by God to be saved and to serve His purpose in accordance with His will. The Holy Spirit dwells within us to help us to follow God’s will.
<i>Good Work</i>	To be an effective worker for God, we must pursue the Spirit’s power and guidance. Remember that God gives the increase, not His workers.

A. Understanding Our Church History – The Pentecostal Movement in China

Our history leads back to two key roots – the Pentecostal Movement and the Apostolic Faith Church – with which the early pillars of our church were all associated. The Lord guided workers into His truth with the movement of the Holy Spirit, paving the way towards the true church.

B. The Birth of Our Church

The Holy Spirit guided Paul Wei to leave the Apostolic Faith Church, officially establishing the True Jesus Church in Beijing. The Spirit later led him to fast and pray for thirty-nine days, during which period he was guided to be baptized in accordance with the Bible. The Holy Spirit also revealed to both him and Ling-Sheng Chang the way to keep Sabbath in accordance with the truth.

C. The Early Childhood of the Church

The church grew rapidly after its establishment, and the year 1926 marked several major organizational changes, including the formation of the Church Headquarters in Nanjing, which allowed the church to be more formally organized and united.

D. Beyond China

1. *Taiwan:* In 1925, several Japanese-educated Taiwanese Presbyterians accepted the truth in China. They brought the gospel with them back to Taiwan, and the following year, with help from a missionary team sent by the Church Headquarters, three churches were established.
2. *Singapore:* With the help of key workers from the church in Fujian, China, the membership in Singapore eventually reached fifty by August of 1926. Fourteen more came to believe the following year, and on February 27, 1927, the first True Jesus Church in Singapore was established on 11 Kinta Road.

Life Application

1. **The Work of the Holy Spirit:** Receiving the Holy Spirit is only the first step in our spiritual journey. When you serve the Lord, how much do you rely on Him? Do you turn first to His Spirit for the strength to do His work?
2. **God Gives the Increase:** We should never forget that God’s workers are only human, and simply serve as vessels for God’s power (1 Cor 3:4–7). Have you ever admired or even idolized a member for their church work? Have you ever felt that you should be praised for your own service in church?

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Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Corinthians 3:8–9):

1. What does this verse teach us about our labor for God?
2. What are two key roots that we can trace our church history back to?
3. “To them God _____ to make _____ what are the _____ of the _____ of this _____ among the Gentiles: which is _____ in you, the _____ of _____.”
(Colossians 1:27)
4. What key doctrines did Paul Wei and Ling-Sheng Chang receive from the Holy Spirit?
5. Why were the early workers able to serve God so effectively?
6. Describe a time when you witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit, either in your life or in the life of someone close to you.