

## **Faces yearning for the Truth**

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What does the Northeast region remind you of? Ice sculptures, ginseng from the Changbai Mountain? The ministry team thinks of faces of individuals yearning for the Truth!

### **Bible study uncompromised despite the tumultuous pandemic**

“The Living Word Curriculum Series” was first introduced to evangelist Su of a church in the Northeast region seven years ago. Since then, the ministry team has been accompanying her study group on their journey of Biblical truth pursuit. Two years ago, a team of instructors in China visited this church in the Northeast region to follow up on their progress in learning “Living Word”. The attentive gaze, receptive minds and candid sharing of pastors and Christian leaders clearly reflected a strong yearning for the Truth. Images of these faces are still vivid in the minds of the teaching team.

While many churches have deferred or suspended their Bible studies due to the pandemic, thanks to our Father's grace, the leaders and believers of this church were unshaken in their pursuit of the Truth through Bible studies. Evangelist Sue enthusiastically shared, *"Since the pandemic began two years ago, our 16 groups have been studying 'The Living Word – the Book of Jeremiah', and there is now only one chapter left to complete. Next, we plan to use 'The Living Word – Books of the 12 prophets' because we feel that the message intended for addressing the issues during that period is relevant to our current situation. The transgression of the Israelites back then is similar to what we are seeing nowadays. It is our hope that, through studying the Prophets, believers will be*



Believers of a church in the Northeast region gathered together and studied “The Living Word – the Book of Jeremiah”. For the past two years, they have been actively learning and implementing the Word in daily life.

*exhorted by God's Word. Christian brothers and sisters are not familiar with the Prophets, we hope 'Living Word' materials can help them grasp the teachings in these Biblical books."*

## **Determined to follow the example of the prophet Jeremiah**

Believers have been studying the book persistently for two years. They have faithfully covered chapter after chapter, and their spiritual life has been experiencing gradual growth and transformation.

*Sister Wang said, "Initially, I was not very keen to study 'The Living Word – the Book of Jeremiah', but from chapter 4 and 5 onwards, I began to understand God's perfect love, even judgment is an expression of His love. God's Word opened my heart and I fell in love with studying this book. What happened to the people of Judah who perished because of their rebellion and failure to observe God's Word should be a warning to me. I was also touched by Jeremiah's faithfulness in serving the Lord. He prayed, sought God, had no fear of hardship, and he was not even afraid to sacrifice his own life in order to spread God's word because he firmly believed that God's word is dependable and trustworthy. I am determined to learn from Jeremiah, to speak out for God, to preach the holistic gospel wherever I go, refuse going with the flow, focus not on what people think but what God thinks, do what is pleasing to Him, to glorify Him and benefit the community!"*



*Sister Zhu said, "Through studying 'The Living Word – the Book of Jeremiah', I know that God loves me unto the end, and that God disciplines us through planting and cultivating as well as through tearing down and pulling out. I also saw that the prophet Jeremiah was submissive to God's will, he was not afraid of persecution and humiliation, he continued to exalt God's name and preach God's Word in a generation where right and wrong was perverted. Jeremiah's love for the nation and the people is a good example for me to learn from. I used to follow my own temperament, I was disobedient to God, disliked spreading the gospel, and worried about losing face. Through studying, I know I have to safeguard myself against following the footsteps of the people of Judah and distance myself from all cultic practices such as feng-shui and fortune-telling, I am determined to lead a sacred and victorious life. Jeremiah was faithful to God's Word. He did not speak what the people liked to hear. I wish to resemble Jeremiah and spread the gospel for the Lord to save souls in this crooked and rebellious generation."*

We thank our Heavenly Father for enabling "Living Word" to become a companion to evangelist Su and other believers in their study of the Bible, and for inspiring them to spread the Gospel for the Lord! It is our hope that after "The Living Word – the Book of Jeremiah",

“The Living Word – Books of the 12 prophets” will continue to help believers understand God's Word and transform teachings of the Truth into action in their lives.

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The churches in China are eager to learn the Truth, and we wish that you partner with us in supporting them in learning the Truth and living it out on an ongoing basis.

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Thank you!

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