

Facing the problem  
of the gospel  
in China

# Church History

- Apostasy
- Reform
- Return

# Hezekiah's Reform

## 1 Chron. 29

- Confess – 5-6
- Dedicate selves – 15a
- Cleanse – 15
- Worship - 30

# Nehemiah's Reform

## Nehemiah 8:8

- read from the book
- Clearly
- gave the sense
- cause to understand

# Jesus' Reform

## Matthew 15

- Traditions of men
- Word of God

# Reform of Apollos

## Acts 18:25-26

- Taught accurately –
- WHAT he knew
- Explained more accurately

# 1 Peter 4:11

"whoever speaks, as  
one who speaks  
oracles of God;

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Buddhism  
2500 b.c.

# Christianity - 600's



- The Nestorian Stele

# British Imperialism



- Tea
- Opium

# Return of Missionaries

1900 - 1949

# Cultural Revolution



Mao Zedong

1893 – 1976

1949

Communist

Party of

China

# Cultural Revolution



- Stamp-out
- Regulate

Mao Zedong

# Ping-Pong Diplomacy



- 1972

Mao Zedong

# Beginning Again: Regulate Religion

- State Catholic
- State Protestant
- 'house-church'



# House church movement

- denominational
- NO names
- SAME teachings

# Basics

- God
- Bible
- Jesus raised
- worship

# Basic Problems

- Faith ONLY
- baptism not needed
- worship as desire

# Basics

- Teach, teach, teach

