

## Meeting Schedule

### Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

### Tuesday

7:30 pm – Prayer Meetings

- Districts 1 & 2
- Spanish-speaking in the homes

### Friday

6:30 pm – English-speaking  
College Meetings

7:00 pm – Chinese-speaking  
Student Meetings

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Saturday

7:00 pm – Young People's  
Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the  
Ministry and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study on  
Deuteronomy –  
Week Six

### Ministry Publication Reading

Life-Study of  
Deuteronomy:  
Messages Eleven &  
Twelve

### Scripture Reading

Heb. 10:24-25; 1 John  
3:17-18; James 2:15-16

## Announcements

### ❖ Fellowship Concerning the Church Meetings via Teleconferencing

- All small group meetings should meet remotely via videoconference or phone and not in person.
- There will be no Lord's Day meetings in the meeting halls until further notice.
- Prayer meetings will be held remotely by small groups via videoconference or phone.
- Please refer to the church's website for links to the Fellowship/Announcement letters, the Prayer Burdens for the current week, and any other important guidelines at:  
<http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

### ❖ Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy Volume Two will be available for sale on Lord's Day, 3/22, at Two Locations

- District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front porch from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Cost: \$6.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix
- Please avoid face-to-face contact or conversation. Just quickly pay the \$6.00 cost, pick up your book, and go home.

### ❖ SCYP Spring Pursuit Video Conference

- Saturday evenings for four weeks beginning March 21.

Persevere in Prayer

- ❖ Please refer to the church's website at <http://www.churchinphoenix.org> for full detailed items of the prayer burdens.

## Riches from the Ministry

Verses 24 and 25 of Hebrews 10 are the basis for our practice of the group meetings. These verses say, "And let us consider one another so as to incite one another to love and good works, not abandoning our own assembling together, as the custom with some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day drawing near." These verses first say that we need to consider one another. This implies that we have a genuine care for all the members of our vital group. To care for one another means to consider one another. Today we may not care for others. We do not really care whether or not a certain brother comes to the meeting or whether or not a certain sister is sick. The genuine care for one another needs to be recovered among us.

Proper wives always have their husbands in their consideration. A sister may make sure that her husband has a coat to wear as he is leaving the house. This means that she is considering her husband, caring for her husband. We need to have this kind of practical care for one another. To consider one another in a practical way is to love one another. We say that we love one another, but in what way do we love? We may not care for anyone in a practical way. Love means practical care and consideration. When we consider one another, we incite one another to love and good works. We stir up one another. If someone cares for me, that spontaneously stirs me up, incites me, to love and good works. To love here is not an infinitive. Love is a noun just as good works is a noun. We incite one another to love and good works by caring for one another, considering one another.

We need the intimate fellowship with one another with the practical care and shepherding. One sister may point out that another sister in the group is absent because she is having some particular trouble. After sharing with the other group members the nature of the problem, the group can pray for her and fellowship about how to give her the practical care and help.

If a brother has lost his job, we should pray for him. We should also consider his material situation. This is real love. James in his Epistle said, "If a brother or sister is without clothing and lacks daily food, and any one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, yet you do not give them the necessities of the body, what is the profit?" (2:15-16). In his first Epistle, John said, "But whoever has the livelihood of the world and sees that his brother has need and shuts up his affections from him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue but in deed and truthfulness" (3:17-18). If we see brothers who are in need and merely tell them that the Lord will take care of them, that is not love. That is vain talk. We should care for one another, consider one another, in a practical way.

This kind of care stirs up our love and our good works. These good works may refer to small things or big things which are related to God's economy. A saint in your group may not think about God's economy. God's economy seems too abstract and unattainable to him. He thinks that we talk much about God's economy, but that this has nothing to do with our present need in our daily life. Through our loving care for this brother, he will be incited to consider God's economy. Without such a loving care and consideration of one another, we may be very indifferent toward the things of God's economy concerning Christ and the church. But once a brother is loved in some practical care, that impresses him and incites him to think about the Christian life and about God's economy.

Paul said that we should consider one another so as to incite one another to love and good works, not abandoning our own assembling together. Today our vital group meeting is our own assembling together. For the Hebrew believers at Paul's time to abandon their own assembling together would have been to return to the Jewish way of meeting and to abandon their assembling together as Christians. Paul exhorted them not to abandon their own assembling together as Christians. Hebrews 10:25 says that in the group meetings we should exhort one another, and so much the more as we see the day drawing near.

...To love one another involves a lot. We need to endeavor to know one another intimately in the Lord. If someone is absent from our vital group meeting, we should immediately ask where he or she is. We say that our group should be blended, but our blending has not been completed, because we do not know each other thoroughly. When you take action together in serving the Lord, you will see that this is very important. Week after week we have been meeting together, yet we still do not really know one another.

We should know each other's situation and condition in an up-to-date way. Then we will realize there is the need of practical care. If we realize a sister is sick, we can fellowship about how to render the proper and practical care to her. We can fellowship about who would be burdened to go or about who could and should go. In the larger prayer meetings of the church, we pray in a general way, but the prayer for one another in the groups is specific with a view to the practical care and shepherding. We may pray for a few minutes and then we can arrange for some person or persons to visit our sister. This is the shepherding. Later, the one who visits should let the group know the situation of this sister. This is what is implied when we say that the group meetings are eighty percent of the church life.