

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Aug 29, 2021

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meetings at Districts 1 & 2

7:30 pm – Chinese-speaking prayer meeting at District 2

7:00 pm - Spanish-speaking prayer meeting 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

7:30 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 of Joshua, Judges, & Ruth – Week 1

Ministry Publication Reading

Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel, Chapter Eight

Scripture Reading

John 8:32

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-Study of Joshua, Judges, & Ruth:

- o District 1: please contact Charles Martinez
- o District 2: at Ellen Arnold's front door
- o Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ Labor Day Conference (9/4 – 9/5):

- o Saturday, 9/4, 10:00am PST – Message 1
- o Saturday, 9/4, 2:00pm PST – Message 2
- o Saturday, 9/4, 7:00pm PST – Message 3
- o Lord's Day, 9/5, 10:00am PST – Lord's table
- o Lord's Day, 9/5, 2:00pm PST – Special Fellowship
- o Lord's Day, 9/5, 7:00pm PST – Message 4
- o Zoom information and instruction for message viewing and prophesying will be provided

❖ Engagement: Lydia & Stephen

- o Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021
- o Zoom Link Info:
Meeting ID: 898 0647 9329
Password: 123
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or
Android: <https://asu.zoom.us/j/89806479329?pwd=TnBxdjRCYkFDYXFWKzEvOXpDVWwwQT09>
Password: 123

❖ Offerings

- o Please send your offerings through *Zelle* or *Popmoney* to the church's bank account using the following email address:
offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Intercessory Prayer in North America:

- o Sign up at <http://www.beseeking.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses and ministry portion.

❖ Church Prayer Burdens: <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

Riches from the Ministry

First, you all have to learn the truth. This requires that you pay the price and make an effort to study carefully... Suppose you teach a group of students English, but at the end some of them have not learned anything, and others have learned only half of everything. Would you continue to teach them? Most of the churches in the Lord's recovery are currently in this kind of situation. The majority of the saints have learned only half of the truth, so ultimately no one has learned the truth in a complete way. Thus, there is no way to build up the service and no way for the Lord to go on.

Now that all the Life-studies of the New Testament have been published, I hope that all the churches would take this set of books as the basis for their study and greatly promote the learning of the truth. In every church we have to help all the saints to study the Recovery Version of the New Testament, especially the footnotes, in a careful and thorough way. This will truly be a great task. In the past we felt that we had nothing to do. Actually, this was because we did not do anything and did not want to do anything. Even when we truly wanted to do something, we could not find the way to do it, so we lost interest in doing anything. However, now the way has been clearly presented to us, and everything depends on whether or not we are willing to pay the price. If we are willing to pay the price, I believe that in three to five years the whole church will make great progress in learning the truth.

In order to serve, we all must be equipped with the truth, and in particular, we all must be familiar with the New Testament. All of you who have the heart to serve full time must get yourselves fully equipped by studying the Life-study messages thoroughly. Otherwise, when you go to establish the work, shepherd people, and speak to people, you will have nothing to say.

Many Christians acknowledge that the churches in the Lord's recovery know the truth the most. However, we have to ask ourselves how many of us are really like this? Actually, the majority of the saints do not know the truth that much. Therefore, I hope that the Lord will be gracious to us by stirring up the churches all over the world to rise up and pursue the truth. I believe that if we endeavor for three to five years, the saints will be revived by studying the Word. This will bring in a big revival on the earth.

I hope that we can stir up this kind of a pursuing atmosphere in the church life. From now on, there should not be any more idle talk in the saints' homes. Even when they converse, they should also study the truth. For example, when you go to a saint's home, you should not just greet him and ask, "How are you?" Instead, you should ask him, "What does the genealogy in Matthew 1 talk about?" You may also go further and ask him, "Do you know that there are three important names in the genealogy in Matthew 1? They are Abraham, David, and Mary. These are three crucial persons who brought in Christ." When you meet a saint on the street, instead of talking to him about other things, you should ask him, "Which verse in the Gospel of John says that the Lord is edible? How did the Lord say that He is edible? Why did the Lord say that He is edible?" Thus, in a conversation of just two minutes both of you will be reminded, supplied, and mutually nourished. We have to change the atmosphere and encourage the brothers and sisters to read the Life-studies. Even when we are facing matters related to national affairs, such as an election, we should not talk about them. Let those who belong to Caesar be occupied with Caesar's business. As those who belong to God, we ought to be occupied with God's business ([Luke 20:25](#)).

Someone may ask whether it is necessary to follow a certain sequence in pursuing the truth or whether the method of teaching, reciting, testing, and praying that we used in the past is the proper way to study. Others may ask whether it is proper for the full-timers to study gospel materials such as Gospel Outlines in order to preach the gospel. Actually, in pursuing the truth it does not matter which book we study. We may study Matthew, Romans, or Revelation. Basically, every book in the New Testament is all-inclusive, speaking mainly concerning Christ and the church. Hence, we do not need a definite sequence in our pursuing. The crucial thing is that we must be willing to spend an adequate amount of time to study. The full-timers should spend four hours every day in the morning to study. Then they will be able to finish the entire New Testament in two years. The saints who have a heart to pursue can spend at least an hour a day; then they will be able to finish the New Testament in eight years. Some may think that eight years is too long, but when you finish it, you will not feel that it was too long. Bear in mind that you may start from any book. The most important thing is that you must be willing to put in the effort and continue steadfastly.

You have to spend all your effort on the study of the Recovery Version of the New Testament and the Life-studies. After you have finished all the Life-studies, you may get into the materials for gospel preaching. If you have studied the Life-studies thoroughly, you will be able to handle all the services in the church. Concerning how to lead the saints, your focus should be to cause the saints to become constituted with the truth and to be able to present the truth using clear logic. (*Lee, Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel, Chapter Eight*)