

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Sept 26, 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 5

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter Four

Scripture Reading

Matt. 28:16-17, 19-20; Luke 24:27; John 21:15-17

Announcements

❖ SCYP JH & HS Conferences:

- **JH Conference:**
October 15-17, 2021
Cost: \$15.00/person
Due Date: October 3, 2021
- **HS Conference:**
October 22-24, 2021
Cost: \$15.00/person
Due Date: October 10, 2021
- **Late Registration will not be accepted.**

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

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

❖ Offerings

- 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

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

Riches from the Ministry

In Matthew 28 we read that when they saw the Lord Jesus on the mountain, immediately they worshipped Him (vv. 16-17). When we meet with the Lord in His resurrection, we meet on one hand as His very brothers, but on the other hand, we have to worship Him. It is not just to greet Him, not just to hail Him as did His disciples, but to worship Him...To worship Him means to adore and exalt Him as the very Lord in our spirit.

In John 20 we read that when the Lord Jesus met with His disciples, He breathed upon them (v. 22). Oh, how we need the Lord to breathe upon us when we meet together!... It is the Lord breathing upon us that makes us alive; it is the breathing that gives life and imparts Christ into us. We all have to pray, "Lord, in our meetings we need Your breathing much more than any kind of teaching. Give us a gracious visitation, Lord, and breathe upon us; breathe upon everyone who comes to the meeting." We need to pray in this way before every meeting.

This matter of breathing is of two aspects: He breathes out and we breathe in; He exhales and we inhale. If we shut ourselves, though He breathes upon us, we get nothing. We must learn to open ourselves to Him and say, "Lord, we are not just opening our listening ears or our understanding mind; we are opening our receiving spirit. Our ears are open to You, our mind is open to You, and even the more, our spirit is open to Your breathing, Lord. O Lord, breathe Yourself into us. Regardless of whether we understand or not, O Lord, breathe upon us. We would like to receive something of Yourself deeply within our spirit." We need to prepare ourselves for the meetings in this way.

In all these cases of the Lord meeting with His disciples after His resurrection, He spoke to them. Every time in their meetings they had the Lord's speaking, the Lord's new speaking. Whenever we come together, we need the Lord's speaking.

The Lord's speaking is something new, something which is not only constant but instant and up to date. We need the Lord's living, up-to-date, and instant speaking. It is based upon the Lord's breathing. If the Lord is free to breathe upon us, He is also free to speak to us. This kind of speaking today may be through you or through another.

...In the living church meetings, all the attendants are speakers. We all need to be a mouthpiece for the Lord Jesus. Today the Lord may speak through you, and tomorrow He may speak through others. We all must be ready for the Lord to speak something to His church through us. Read all the cases of these meetings in the Scriptures again. In every case the Lord spoke, and He spoke much.

The disciples were with the Lord for three and a half years before His resurrection, but they did not know Him well. They knew Him in the flesh, but they did not know Him in the Spirit. They were with Him, but they were ignorant of Him. It was not until after His resurrection that the Lord met with His disciples and purposely opened their understanding by opening the Scriptures. "Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He explained to them clearly in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:27). At that time there was only the Old Testament, including the books of the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets. The Lord Jesus opened up the entire Old Testament to point out to them who He is. He helped them to know Himself through the Scriptures (vv. 44-47).

Today we still need this. We still need to know Christ with an opened Bible. We need a spiritual understanding with the Scriptures opened in such a way that we see all the secrets behind the writings. So in our meetings we must look to the Lord that He would grant us this, that He would give us an opened Bible that we may see more things of Christ. We need Him to breathe upon us, but we still need the proper understanding of who He is. Christ opened the Bible and the understanding of the disciples so that they might really know Him.

The Lord did something more: when He met with His disciples after His resurrection, He gave them a commission (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-48; Acts 1:8). He told them to go and preach repentance for forgiveness of sins. Moreover, He told them to go to be His witnesses, His living witnesses. And He told them to disciple the nations and baptize them into the Triune God. This is the gospel preaching; in the Bible the gospel preaching includes all these things — the preaching of repentance and forgiveness, the reality of all the preachers as living witnesses of Jesus Christ, and the baptizing of people into the Triune God. To bring the Triune God to people and to bring people and put people into the Triune God is the gospel. We are not bringing people into Christianity or a kind of religion but into the Triune God. This is the commission the Lord gave to His disciples.

Today, if we meet in the proper way, surely we will be commissioned with something by the Lord. In John 21:15-23, after the disciples had eaten together, the Lord asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Then the Lord said to him, "Feed My lambs" and "Feed My sheep." This is the commission in the meetings. It not only includes the gospel preaching but also the feeding of the lambs, the younger ones, and the sheep, the older ones. If we meet properly in all the meetings, there should be some kind of burden transmitted from the Lord to us.

In Acts 1 we see that after the disciples met with the Lord Jesus, after they saw Him ascend to the heavens, they returned to Jerusalem and were occupied continually in prayer (vv. 12-14)...We need to pray for the Lord's move. We need to pray for the fulfillment of God's purpose. We need to pray for the building up of the churches. If we care for the Lord's kingdom, He will care for all we need. If we seek His kingdom, He will give us His kingdom with so many other things added. We all have to learn how to pray. This is one of the principles concerning the matter of how to meet. We need to meet in this way: to pray in one accord for the kingdom, for the spread of the Lord's recovery, for the building up of the local churches. (Lee, *How to Meet*, Chapter Four)