

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 6

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter Five

Scripture Reading

John 20:22; Acts 2:1-2

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.**

❖ Corporate Lord's Day Meeting

- Oct. 10 at 10:00 am
- Districts 1&2
- Zoom link will be emailed to the saints

❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 at 8:30 am
- Zoom link will be emailed to the brothers.

❖ 2022 Gospel Calendar

- Price: \$10.00 per calendar, prepaid
- Payment must be received by Oct. 24.
- Please send your payment through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org. Include in the memo: 2022 Gospel Calendar, Your Name
- If any questions, please see bro. Xinyu (Newman) Zhang

❖ 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

What kind of Christ is the resurrected Christ? It is so clear that He is the very Christ who is living in the Spirit. The resurrected Christ is the living Christ in the Spirit; in fact, He is just the life-giving Spirit. The main thing that this resurrected Christ did in this kind of meeting was to breathe into His disciples and say to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). It is also in this kind of meeting that Christ speaks and asks of us something to eat and offers us something to eat. This is the first kind of meeting, the meeting with the resurrected Christ, the life-giving Christ, the Christ who is so living in the Spirit.

By what way do we meet with this Christ? Be sure that with this Christ we meet without any forms. We may meet Him with all the doors shut, or we may meet Him on the mountain top. It is interesting that there is no name given to this mountain. Any mountain will do to meet the resurrected Christ — as long as there is a mountain, that is sufficient. While we are backslidden at the seashore, we may still meet Him there. When we are in the room, He is there; when we get to the mountain top, He is there; when we are backslidden at the sea, He is also there. You may say, "It is rather difficult to remain here for the Lord's testimony; let us go back to the world." Even so, when you go, He goes with you. You can never get rid of Christ; you have really gotten involved. Jesus is the resurrected One, and now He is in you. He is the life-giving Spirit; He is the Spirit who gives life within you all the time. So what kind of forms can we have? My heart is bursting to tell you that if we set up any kind of forms, it is a sinful offense to the Lord. We cannot possibly have any forms when we meet with the resurrected Christ.

We are still very much under the influence of degraded Christianity. We just need the resurrected Christ, the living Christ, the Christ whom nothing can hold. Even death, the most powerful force in this universe, cannot hold Him. He is the resurrected Christ with the resurrection life. He is meeting now with us, and this is the best way for us to meet. How should we meet? We should meet with the Christ who is the living Spirit; we should meet with the living Christ without any forms.

We all must realize that whenever we as the disciples of Christ come together, we come with Jesus, we bring Him with us. We come to meet with Him — not just with a Bible, a hymn book, or the brothers and sisters, but with the living Christ, the resurrected One, the life-giving Spirit. We all must pray that no one would come to our meetings anymore just with a Bible and hymn book. All those who come must come with a full realization that they are coming with the living Christ. We are coming to meet with Christ, the very Christ who breathes Himself into us in all our meetings and the very Christ who speaks to us, even today. We meet to breathe Him in, to speak for Him and let Him speak through us, and to offer Him something for His satisfaction and take something from Him for our satisfaction. It may be just a short meeting, but we will be fully satisfied.

Never forget that these meetings with His disciples after His resurrection were Christ's first meetings with the whole Christian church. This must be the example, and we must heed the principles from these meetings, the first Christian meetings mentioned in the Bible.

To meet with Christ, we need to breathe in Christ as life, but to meet for Christ, we need the rushing violent wind to blow upon us (Acts 2:1-2). To meet for the ascended Christ, we need power to demonstrate that the One whom we serve is now in the heavens and has been made Lord and Christ (vv. 33-36). We need to declare this to the whole universe. This is the second kind of Christian meeting. Our meetings sometimes need to be like this. We meet not only with the resurrected Christ but also for the ascended Christ. Our gospel meeting must be a meeting for the ascended Christ, declaring to the universe that the very Jesus whom the world has rejected has been made Lord and Christ. He is with us, and He is within us, but for the unbelievers He is in the heavens. Matthew and John tell us to meet with Christ; Mark, Luke, and Acts tell us to meet for Christ. We need the breathing, and we also need the blowing. We need the breathing of the air for life and the blowing of the violent wind for power.

For these two kinds of meetings we must pay a price. After the resurrection the disciples were in Jerusalem: they were frightened; they were under threatening and persecution. That was the price they had to pay. They were Galileans, yet they stayed in Jerusalem in an atmosphere of fierce opposition. They paid a price.

Concerning the meetings after the resurrection or ascension, we can never discover any sense of lightness. Every meeting was so weighty, quite unlike the meetings of today's Christianity. People say today, "Let us go to the eleven o'clock Sunday service. We have been working so hard during the week — Sunday morning is the best time for us to sleep in." What I mean is this: if we take the Lord's way to meet, we must meet at a cost, we must pay a price. I am so happy to tell the universe that here in Los Angeles there are many dear ones who have come from a distance just for the purpose of meeting. So many have settled here and gotten jobs, but their main purpose is not to get settled and find jobs but to attend the meetings. This is really good. There is a reason why we enjoy the Lord's presence so richly here. So many have really paid the price to attend the meetings.

Brothers and sisters, we must be here not for our business, not for our schooling, not for our families, but for the meetings. We are the meeting people. We would like to pay any price to keep up the standard of the meeting. We would rather lose our jobs than lose the meetings...It all depends upon what is more precious and worthwhile in your lives...If we really mean business for the church, we must realize that the church is in the meeting. To be here for the church means to be here for the meeting. *(Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Five)*