

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Oct 24, 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 9

### Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter Eight

### Semiannual Training Preparation on 1 & 2 Samuel

1 Samuel: Chapters One through Seven

LS of First Samuel: Messages One through Five

## Announcements

### ❖ 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

### ❖ December 2021 Semiannual Training will be held by video training only

- Registration Due Date: Dec. 05, 2021
- Registration Fee of \$125 per trainee (non-refundable) can be sent through Zelle or Popmoney to the church's bank account using the following email address: [register@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:register@churchinphoenix.org). Please indicate on the memo line "2021 Winter Training". Shared seating is not an option for this video training.
- Video Training Schedule: 12/20/21 – 12/25/21
- Note: Completed Registration means payment of \$125 has been made AND online registration has been submitted.
- Registration form: <https://tinyurl.com/2021WinterTraining>
- The church in Phoenix is planning to carry out the video training corporately via Zoom.

### ❖ 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](mailto: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](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org).

Persevere in Prayer

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

## Riches from the Ministry

We have seen that the first mention of the meeting of believers in the New Testament is in Matthew 18:20. The Lord Jesus told us here that where two or three are gathered together in His name, there He will be in the midst. It seems that most Christians know this. Many Christians today say they are meeting in the name of the Lord Jesus, but what does this mean? What does it mean practically? What does it mean actually? What is the reality of meeting in the name of the Lord Jesus?

There is a principle concerning all the revelations in the Bible: first we have the seed of that revelation, then the growth, and then the harvest. The revelation concerning the truth of Christian meetings has its seed in Matthew 18:20. This is the seed — to meet in the name of the Lord Jesus. But what does this mean? We cannot find the answer in the four Gospels; we must go on to the book of Acts.

In the book of Acts we see two vital matters. One is the name. When Peter on the day of Pentecost addressed the people, he told them that they must be baptized in the name of Jesus. If they would be baptized in His name, they would receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). So, the name of the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the two matters that we see brought together in the book of Acts. If we go on to chapter 19 of this book, we find a handful of believers meeting in the city of Ephesus. They had not been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and Paul instructed them to be baptized in His name. When they were, they received the Holy Spirit. The name and the Spirit go together in this book time after time.

Now we will pass from the book of Acts to the Epistles. In all the Epistles we cannot find a verse telling us that we must meet in the name of the Lord Jesus, because to meet in His name is but the seed of meeting. In the book of Acts we have the growth of meeting, and in the Epistles we have the harvest. First Corinthians 14 is almost the only chapter in all the Epistles dealing with the way for Christians to meet. What is stressed in this chapter is not the name but the Spirit. Concerning the truth of Christian meetings, to be in the name of the Lord Jesus is the seed, to be in the name of the Lord to receive the Holy Spirit is the growth, and to be in the Spirit is the harvest. Thus, we see that the name of the Lord Jesus is very much linked with the Holy Spirit.

Now let us see a few more verses which prove that the Holy Spirit is vitally related to the name of Jesus. John 14:13-17 says, "Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you." By reading these verses together, we obtain the context of all these words, and we see that the reality of the Lord's name is in the Spirit and is the Spirit...The reality of anyone's name is his person. The person of the Lord Jesus is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is just the Lord Himself (2 Cor. 3:17). He Himself is the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45).

Now let me ask another question. Where is the Spirit today? Hallelujah! The reality of the name is the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit today is in our spirit. This is why we must exercise our spirit.

Now, I believe, you have the secret of how to meet. First, it is to meet in the name. Second, to meet in the name means to meet in the Spirit, and third, to meet in the Spirit means to exercise our spirit. This is the way for us to attend the meetings. The way for Christians to meet is not to have forms, regulations, programs, and so forth, but just to exercise the spirit. The Holy Spirit is mingled with our spirit; therefore, when we exercise our spirit, the Holy Spirit moves with us. When the Holy Spirit moves with our spirit, we have the reality of the name. We are meeting not only by exercising our spirit but also by being in the Spirit and thus also in the name.

The key, the secret of our meeting together, is the exercise of our regenerated human spirit. How can we prove this? First Corinthians 14:32 is the strongest proof. Verse 31 tells us that we "can all prophesy." Then verse 32 follows by telling us that prophesying is just the exercise of our spirit. It is not to wait until the Spirit pushes us, because the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. As the prophet, if we do not take the initiative, if our spirit would not move, then the Holy Spirit has no way out. We must take the initiative and exercise our spirit. If our spirit moves, the Holy Spirit who is within our spirit will move with us and bring in the reality of the name of Jesus. Therefore, the proper way for us as Christians to meet is to exercise our spirit.

By what way, then, can we take the action and initiative in our spirit? Praise the Lord, in these two chapters we have two ways. Just by saying, "Lord Jesus!" "No one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit" (12:3). In other words, whenever you say, "Lord Jesus" in a real way, it means that you are in the Spirit...We all have to learn to say "Lord Jesus" in the meeting, in our home, and a thousand times a day. I hope that the sisters while they are shopping in the supermarket will say "Lord Jesus" many times. While they are walking down the aisles and considering what to buy, they must say "Lord Jesus." We all must say this. If we are going to lose our temper, we must say, "O Lord Jesus!" Then our temper will be gone...Whenever you say "Lord Jesus," you are in the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful.

Then in the meetings, the second way to keep yourself in the Holy Spirit is to prophesy. To be in the Holy Spirit means to prophesy...to say something for Christ, to say something for the Lord — this is real prophecy...you can say something for the Lord in the meetings...First Corinthians 14:31 says, "You can all prophesy."

*(Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Eight)*