

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 6, 2024

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Prophesying meeting

Tuesday

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

Thursday

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Spanish/English)

Friday

7:00 pm – Small group meetings (Spanish)

7:30 pm – Small group meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & maintenance at the hall/corporate morning revival

7:30 pm – Young people's meeting

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Continue in the Ministry and the Word

Holy Word for Morning

Revival

Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 1

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 35
Matt. 13:1-13

Announcements

❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Study Group—10/12

- Phoenix meeting hall, 8:30am
- Volume 1, lesson 17

❖ Blending Lord's Day Meeting (Phoenix Hall)—10/13

❖ Southern California Young People Conferences

- Junior High Conferences
- Friday Oct. 11 – Lord's day Oct. 13
- Brothers: Church in Irvine meeting hall
- Sisters: Church in Diamond Bar meeting hall

- High School Conferences
- Friday Oct. 25 – Lord's day Oct. 27
- Brothers: Church in Huntington Beach meeting hall
- Sisters: Church in Cerritos meeting hall
- Registration form and \$85/person fee due Lord's day Oct. 13

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- **Location:** Atlanta, GA
- **Schedule:** Thursday Nov. 28 – Lord's Day Dec. 1
- 1st meeting: Thursday, Nov. 28 7:30 PM
- 2nd meeting: Friday, Nov. 29 10:00 AM
- 3rd meeting: Friday, Nov. 29 7:30 PM
- 4th meeting: Saturday, Nov. 30..... 10:00 AM
- 5th meeting: Saturday, Nov. 30..... 7:30 PM
- 6th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec. 1.....9:30 AM
- **Lodging:** Atlanta Marriott Marquis

There is a special group rate of \$119.00 USD per night plus tax for single and double occupancy rooms.

Reservations:

- 1-800-228-9290 and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate.
- Online reservations at the special group rate, please go to: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50847873>.
- Reservations must be made on or before Wednesday, November 10, 2024, in order to get this reduced rate. Check-in is 4:00 PM or earlier if rooms are available, and check-out is 11:00 AM on Lord's Day, December 1, 2024. Late check-out of 2:00 PM may be provided upon request and based on availability.

❖ 2024 December Semiannual Training

- **Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)**
- Live - Mon, Dec. 23, 2024; 4:00 pm to Sat, Dec. 28, 2024; 9:30pm
- Video – Wed, Dec. 25, 2024; to Lord's Day, Jan. 5, 2025.
- Registration Fee: Live training is \$205.00; Video training is \$130.00
- Registration **Due Date:** on or before **Oct. 27, 2024**
- Please send your registration fee via Zelle to **offerings@churchinphoenix.org** and indicate on the memo line "2024 December Training"
- Registration form: <https://forms.gle/pvSawekUbSzrdBq6Z>

❖ Offerings

Please send your offerings through Zelle to the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Life-Study of Matthew – Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 35 of the Life-Study of Matthew. The Unveiling of the Kingdom Mysteries (1). This life-study covers Matthew 13. The basic point concerning the kingdom is the need to differentiate between the inward reality of the kingdom and the outward appearance of the kingdom. If we do not differentiate between these two things, we will not be able to understand this book concerning the kingdom of the heavens.

Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

Thank the Lord that we have seen the reality of the kingdom. Now we must see the appearance of the kingdom. In chapters five, six, and seven there is no falsehood; everything is pure, genuine, heavenly, spiritual, and, to a certain extent, divine. The situation in chapter thirteen, the chapter concerned with the appearance of the kingdom, is altogether different. In this chapter we have the tares and a great tree which is no longer according to its kind. In Genesis 1 God created everything, especially the plants and vegetables, according to its nature. But in Matthew 13 a mustard seed becomes a great tree. This indicates that it changes its nature, that it is no longer according to its nature. Therefore, in this chapter we see something of a façade, an appearance without reality. Along with the tares and the façade, there is also leaven. All these things, found in the appearance of the kingdom, cause the appearance of the kingdom to be a mixture.

When we come to chapter twenty-four concerning the manifestation of the kingdom, we shall see that the manifestation is even more strict than the reality. By these three things—reality, appearance, and manifestation—we are able to understand the book of Matthew. (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 35)

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt 13:1-3

Questions:

1. What is the significance of the heavenly King going out of the house to sit beside the sea?
2. What is the meaning of the heavenly King stepping into a boat?
3. Why does the heavenly King speak to the crowds in parables?
4. Why are the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens hidden to the crowds but explained to the disciples?