

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 13, 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 2

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 36
Matt. 13:3-23

Announcements

❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Training—10/19

- Phoenix meeting hall, 8:30am
- Volume 2, lesson 53

❖ Southern California Young People Conferences

- 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**" and the **name(s) of registrant(s)**
- Registration form: <https://forms.gle/pvSawekUbSzdBq67>



❖ 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,

This week we will continue our pursuit with message 36 from the *Life-study of Matthew*, titled "The unveiling of the Kingdom's Mysteries (2)." This message focuses on Matthew 13:3-8 and 13:8-23. These verses cover the first of seven parables concerning the mysteries of the kingdom.

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

In this parable, which gives us a clear picture of the preliminary work of the kingdom, Christ came as a sower. Everyone who has sown seed knows that if there is no life in the seed, nothing will happen. Without life, it is impossible to have growth. In this parable Christ came neither as a great prophet to prophesy nor as a mighty king to rule. Yes, He was a prophet and a king, but in this parable He appears as a sower, not as a prophet or a king. In His hand there is not a scepter for ruling or for exercising authority, but seed for producing life. He came as a sower to sow Himself as the seed. Oh, may we all see this! This vision will revolutionize our concept and our Christian work. If we see this vision, we would no longer trust in what we do because we would know that the kingdom is a matter of life, that the church is a matter of growth in the life seed sown into our humanity. Therefore, we would trust completely in the growth of life. Those who have been with us for a number of years can testify that I do not teach others what they should do. I do not give them instructions regarding their behavior. But in meeting after meeting, conference after conference, and training after training, I have ministered Christ as the all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit. It has always been a matter of Christ, life, the Spirit, and the church.

We all need to see this basic vision that the kingdom is a matter of life growing in us. The young people who are burdened for the campuses must see this vision. Young people, if you go to the campuses to do a work, that will mean nothing. You should not go there to work, but to sow the seed, to be a sower. Everyone who has sown seed knows that if there is no life in the seed, nothing will happen. Without life, it is impossible to have growth. In this parable Christ came neither as a great prophet to prophesy nor as a mighty king to rule. Yes, He was a prophet and a king, but in this parable He appears as a sower, not as a prophet or a king. In His hand there is not a scepter for ruling or for exercising authority, but seed for producing life. He came as a sower to sow Himself as the seed. Oh, may we all see this! (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 36).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 13:3-8

Questions:

1. Matthew chapter 13 begins with the parable of the sower. What is the threefold significance of the seeds mentioned in this parable? As the seeds are matters pertaining to life, what does this indicate regarding the nature of the kingdom that the Lord seeks to establish?
2. The different soils represent different conditions of our heart. What does "beside the way" signify? What part of the constitution of the kingdom (Matt. 5:3,8) does this correspond with?
3. What do the rocky places signify? What part of the constitution of the kingdom (Matt. 5:17-48) does this correspond with? What does the sun signify?
4. What do the thorny places signify? What part of the constitution of the kingdom (Matt. 6:19-34) does this correspond with?
5. What constitutes a good heart (soil) that can grow Christ as the seed of life?