

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

A Timely Word
Concerning the World
Situation and the Lord's
Recovery – Week 5

Ministry Publication Reading

Fellowship Concerning
the Urgent Need of the
Vital Groups – Messages
24-25

Scripture Reading

[Rev. 3:1-2; John 14:19b;](#)
[Phil. 1:21a](#)

Announcements

❖ Gospel to All the Nations

- Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020; 1:00 PM PDT
- All the people of every nation are invited to join to enjoy the pure ministry of the Word and to hear the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 24:14). For detailed information regarding the conference, please visit the website at: gospeltoallthenations.com.

❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8:30 am
- Via Zoom meeting

❖ Offerings

- All offerings are to be carried out electronically.
- Monies can be sent through Zelle or Popmoney (security verification code: 602-370-5813) to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Intercessory Prayer in North America:

- Sign up at <http://www.beseeking.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses.

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

Riches from the Ministry

The term the God-ordained way was invented by us, and we saw that this God-ordained way revealed in the Scriptures is of four steps: begetting, feeding, perfecting, and building...To take the God-ordained way is by these four steps, but how do we carry them out? We found out that the way to carry out these four steps is by the vital groups.

Recently, I felt burdened to use the term vital groups. My understanding in using the word vital is that a vital group is living and full of activities. You may be a living person, but if you do not know how to take any action, you are not vital. Children from the ages of five to seven are vital because they are not only living but full of activities. Spiritually speaking, we may be living, but we are not vital, because we are not living and full of activities. To be vital is to be living and very active, full of activities. The vital groups are groups that are living and full of activities. If the saints who have the burden to be in the vital groups do not move, do not act, in any kind of meeting, the church is finished.

We have made it clear that the way to produce the vital groups is that each of us must take the lead to be vital. In order to be vital, we first must have a thorough fellowship with the Lord. Then that fellowship will bring us into a kind of realization that we are totally sinful. Then we will be brought into a thorough confession of our sins. Spontaneously, we will reconsecrate ourselves. We will pray, "Lord, now I would like to consecrate myself to You anew." Then that will bring us into a prayer life. No one can pray unceasingly without reaching this stage. When we pass through the stages of fellowship, confession, and consecration, we enter into a prayer life. It is in this prayer life that we pray ourselves into the Spirit—the essential Spirit, the economical Spirit, the all-inclusive Spirit. Then we learn how to follow this Spirit by exercising our spirit. If this is the case with us, we are really vital. Actually, this is all revealed, unveiled, in the New Testament, especially in Paul's Epistles.

The overcomers are the vital members. If we read the seven epistles to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3, we can see that the overcomers are vital. The overcomers in God's economy will be the ones who give God the way to consummate this age, to bring Christ back, and to recover His title and right over the earth through Christ's reign. Christ will reign, and the overcomers will reign with Him as His co-kings. We must remember that to be vital is to overcome.

We must do everything we can to strengthen the vital groups. We should spend every drop of our blood, every bit of our strength, and every minute of our time to strengthen the vital groups, making the vital groups so beautiful, so high, and so attractive. This is the only thing we should stress to get people. A number of things can attract people but not so effectively as the vital groups.

...To be vital means to be living and active. If a group of people are meeting together and are a real vital group—living and active—whoever comes in and sees this will be convinced. If we are so vital, and some seeking ones come in among us, they will be caught by the Lord. Vitality is the most convincing factor.

...If we do not have the vital groups, we will still survive as the Lord's recovery. We will still exist, but there will not be much hope of getting the typical American increase. The only convincing factor we could have is the vital groups. If we are not vital, we are finished.

Since we love the Lord and we are for the Lord's recovery, what shall we do? We have to be vital at any cost. We have no choice. We must learn diligently and practice absolutely to be vital; then there is much possibility for us to gain a good number of the seeking ones. These seeking ones caught by us will spread the news. They will say, "I am now meeting in a group full of vitality. Come and see." This kind of news will not be appreciated by the general Christians, but some real seeking ones will be attracted. Through this fellowship I hope that we realize where we are and what we need to be.

As we contact others, we need to exercise our spirit so that the Spirit may have a way to move on.

We need to make everything we do definite through our prayer and with our experience of the Spirit. Then we have to match the Spirit with our exercise of our spirit. We need these two things: to experience the Spirit and to match it with the exercise of our spirit. We are all short of this.

I want to see your improvement in this matter. I have been improving for over sixty years, and I am still endeavoring to improve. I am not satisfied. I am not content with what I am. I hope that we will all learn to exercise our spirit to make some real progress in our Christian life.

The Christian life actually is just the life of the Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit, and the only way to get into this Holy Spirit is to pray. Only prayer can usher you into the Spirit. When you pray adequately, spontaneously you will have the infilling of the Spirit and the outpouring of the Spirit. I encourage you all to pray, not lightly but thoroughly.