

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Message 5 ICSC

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)

Holy Word for Morning Revival

- ❖ Being a Vessel unto
Honor, a Fully Equipped
Man of God, by Being
Empowered in the Grace
which is in Christ Jesus to
Fully Accomplish Our
Ministry in the Unique
Ministry of God's
Economy – Week 1

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 51

Matt. 18:1-20

Announcements

❖ International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference

- Subject: **Chapter 5 through 8 of Romans—the Kernel of the Bible**
- Date: Friday, Feb. 14- Lord's Day, Feb. 16
- Location: LSM MCC 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim CA
- **Webcast Schedule (Live, Phoenix time)**
 - Message 1----Friday 2/14 8:30pm (Home)
 - Message 2----Saturday 2/15 10:00am (Hall)
 - Message 3----Saturday 2/15 12:00pm (Hall)
 - Message 4----Saturday 2/15 8:30pm (Home)
 - Message 5----Lord's Day 2/16 11:00am (Hall)
- Both live & archived messages are accessible at
ismwebcast.com under **ICSC** button

Messages 2, 3, and 5 will be shown at the Phoenix meeting hall, and we encourage the saints to watch the other messages together in a small group setting.

❖ Mountain States Blending Conference

- Friday, Feb. 21 – Lord's Day, Feb. 23
- Phoenix meeting hall
- **Meeting schedule**
 - Message 1----Friday 2/21 7:30pm
 - Message 2----Saturday 2/22 10:00am
 - Message 3----Saturday 2/22 7:00pm
 - Lord's Table---Lord's Day 2/23 9:30am
 - Message 4----Lord's Day 2/23 10:00am

❖ 2025 SYCP Spring Conferences

- Cost: \$125/person
- JUNIOR HIGH SISTERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 7-9
 - Due Date: February 23, 2025
- HIGH SCHOOL SISTERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 14-16
 - Due Date: March 2, 2025
- JUNIOR HIGH BROTHERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 28-30
 - Due Date: March 16, 2025
- HIGH SCHOOL BROTHERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: April 11-13
 - Due Date: March 30, 2025

❖ Offerings

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Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with message 51 of the Life-Study of Matthew titled "Relationships in the Kingdom (1)". This message covers Matt. 18:1-20 which concerns how to be in the kingdom and the proper relationships among the kingdom people.

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

"Chapters eighteen, nineteen, and twenty are a distinct section of the Gospel of Matthew dealing with the relationships among the kingdom people... This is a practical matter. It is not merely doctrinal, as the constitution of the kingdom, or prophetic, as the mystery of the kingdom. In particular, chapter eighteen deals with how to be in the kingdom of the heavens: it is to become as little children (vv. 2-4); not to stumble others or to set up any stumbling block (vv. 5-9); not to despise even a little believer (vv. 10-14); to hear the church and not be condemned by it (vv. 15-20); and to forgive a brother to the uttermost (vv. 21-35). All this indicates that to enter into the kingdom of the heavens we must be humble and not despise any believer, but love our brother and forgive our brother.

...These three chapters actually cover these five things. They deal thoroughly with pride, dispositional anger, lust, riches, and ambition. All these problems are within us. If we would get into the depths of these chapters, we would certainly be touched. For instance, we would see that we are people full of pride and that anger is hidden in our disposition. No matter how patient or forbearing we try to be, anger is still deeply rooted in our disposition. This is what makes it difficult for us to forgive others. Furthermore, we are troubled by lust and riches, both of which damage the kingdom life. Finally, there is the problem of ambition. Matthew purposely covers these five problems in his Gospel to show that we must take care of them in order to be in the kingdom. Pride, dispositional anger, lust, riches, and ambition are all "scorpions." We need a divine pest control to kill these "scorpions." Under God's inspiration, Matthew selected various cases and put them together in order to expose these things. Now we need to consider them one by one." (Witness Lee, Life-study of Matthews, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 51)

Verses for pray-reading: Matt 18:4, 7, 11-20

Study Questions:

1. What is the source, the root, of our stumbling others and being stumbled? What is the way to be delivered from this root and be saved from stumbling others and being stumbled? From your subjective experience of Christ and in the light of God's economy, how can we organically enjoy Christ as this saving virtue today?
2. According to Matthew 18:15-20, how should we progressively deal with a brother that has offended or sinned against us? What should our attitude be and what is the Lord's attitude toward such a brother? What does it mean to treat this brother like the Gentile and the tax collector. What should be the church's response to one who does not give heed, assuming he has not fallen into a more serious offense. What type of prayer of the church is effective to restore such a person?
3. How is the local church, the expression of the Body of Christ today, related to the kingdom life? What relationship should we have with the church today and how does this affect our practical experience of the kingdom? In this light, what is the source of the genuine authority in the church?