

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 1, 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 9

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 43

Matt. 14:14-21

Announcements

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- **Subject: Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God**

Local Webcast of Thanksgiving Conference

- Phoenix meeting hall
- 1st meeting: Friday, Nov. 2910:00 AM
- 2nd meeting: Friday, Nov. 2901:30 PM
- 3rd meeting: Saturday, Nov. 3010:00 AM
- 4th meeting: Saturday, Nov. 30.....01:30 PM
- **Lord's Table: Lord's Day, Dec. 109:30 AM**
- 5th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec. 110:30 AM
- 6th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec. 101:30 PM

❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Study Group—12/7

- Phoenix meeting hall, 8:30am
- Review volume 1, lesson 18

❖ 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.

Message 1: 12/25/24, Wed, 10:00 AM

Message 2: 12/25/24, Wed, 01:30 PM

Message 3: 12/27/24, Fri, 07:00 PM

Message 4: 12/28/24, Sat, 10:00 AM

Message 5: 12/28/24, Sat, 01:30 PM

Message 6: 12/29/24, LD, 10:30 AM

Message 07: 01/01/25, Wed, 10:00 AM

Message 08: 01/01/25, Wed, 01:30 PM

Message 09: 01/03/25, Fri, 07:00 PM

Message 10: 01/04/25, Sat, 10:00 AM

Message 11: 01/04/25, Sat, 01:30 PM

Message 12: 01/05/25, LD, 10:30 AM

- Registration Fee: Video training is \$130.00
- 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/pvSawekUbSzrdBq67>



❖ Mountain States Blending Conference

- Phoenix meeting hall
- Friday, Feb. 21 – Lord's Day, Feb. 23

❖ 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 43 of the Life-Study of Matthew, "The Pathway to Glory (2)". This message covers Matt. 14:14-21, regarding the record of the Lord's miraculous feeding of the crowd in the wilderness.

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

"Verse 19 says, "And commanding the crowds to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and break and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds." The Lord fed the people; He ministered the life supply to them. By having the crowds recline on the grass, He put the people into good order. This shows the Lord's wisdom and orderliness. By looking up to heaven the heavenly King indicated that His source was His Father in the heavens. Then He blessed the loaves and fishes and broke them. This indicates that whatever we bring to the Lord must be broken for it to become a blessing to others.

The Lord will break whatever is consecrated to Him. This means that after we consecrate ourselves to the Lord, we shall be broken by Him. However, many of us have prayed, "Lord, have mercy on me and do not break me. Lord, You know my wife is breaking me into pieces. Keep me whole, and save me from my wife's breaking hand." A number of sisters have also prayed to be saved from the breaking hand of their husbands. But the more you pray in this way, the more breaking there will be.....The Lord will break whatever is placed into His hands. If we are not broken, our consecration does not mean anything, and it is not effectual. Our consecration only works by our being broken by the Lord.

After the Lord broke the loaves, He gave them to the disciples. The loaves were from the disciples, and they brought them to the Lord. After being blessed and broken by the Lord, they were given back to the disciples for distribution to the crowds, to whom the loaves became a great satisfaction. This indicates that the disciples were not the source of blessing; they were only the channels used by the Lord, who was the source of the people's satisfaction. The broken bread was passed on to the disciples, and the disciples distributed it to the crowds. This broken bread became the satisfaction to all the hungry people, and there was great blessing. The principle is the same today. No doubt there has been great blessing in the Lord's recovery in this country. Nevertheless, we must realize that some dear ones have offered themselves to the Lord. In the Lord's hand, they all have been broken, and those broken pieces have brought in the blessing." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 43)

Verses for pray-reading: Matt 14:16-20

Study Questions:

1. The disciples asked the Lord to send the crowds away so that they might go and buy food for themselves, but the Lord told the disciples to give them something to eat. How can we see the principle of law versus the principle of grace in this account? Which principle exposes our lack the most?
2. Describe the process the Lord took in feeding the crowd. What did the Lord do after he received the five loaves and two fish? Explain the spiritual significance behind looking to heaven, blessing, and breaking and giving the loaves to the disciples?
3. Share how this portion of the word fits into the section on the pathway in following the Lord. What follows after we experience rejection in following the Lord? What lessons should we learn regarding who our Lord is?