

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

9:30 am – Lord's Table

10:00 am – Message 4 Mountain States Blending Conference

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 2

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 52
Matt. 18:1-35

Announcements

❖ 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 SCYP Spring Conferences

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

❖ International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- Friday, May 23 – Monday, May, 26
- **Location:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ
- **Address:** 340 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
- **Lodging:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
 - Special group rate of **\$129.00 USD** per night plus tax for single and double occupancy rooms
 - a **\$20.00 USD fee per person, per night** will be applied for triple and quadruple occupancy rooms.
 - room reservations: (the Living Stream Ministry group rate)
 - call 866-837-4213
 - Online reservations at the special group rate, please go to: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50863439>
 - Reservations must be made on or before **April 28, 2025**
- **Parking:**

A discounted overnight and daytime self-parking rate of \$16.00 USD per day with in and out privileges is available at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown for all conference attendees. Valet parking is also available at a discounted rate of \$22.00 USD per day with in and out privileges for all attendees.
- **Meeting schedule**

1st meeting: Friday, May 23..... 7:30 PM
2nd meeting: Saturday, May 24..... 10:00 AM
3rd meeting: Saturday, May 24..... 7:30 PM
4th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25.....9:30 AM
5th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25..... 7:30 PM
6th meeting: Monday, May 26..... 10:00 AM

❖ Offerings

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 52 of the Life-study of Matthew - "The Relationship in the Kingdom". This Life-Study covers Matt. 18:1-35, on the doctrine of the kingdom as well as the practical kingdom life.

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

"In order to remain in the kingdom life, we must have humility. If we have humility, we shall neither offend others nor be offended by others. We shall neither stumble others nor be stumbled by them. All stumbling, of ourselves or of others, comes from pride...

In chapter eighteen we see how to deal with someone who offends others. If a brother offends us, we should go to him directly in love. If he does not listen to us, we should go to him again with one or two witnesses...Although this is a word telling us how to deal with a brother who causes offenses, it is also a word indicating that it is a serious matter to offend others. The seriousness of this is shown by the danger of being cut off from the fellowship of the church. To be cut off from the fellowship of the church means to be put out of the kingdom life. This is serious...

Verse 34 says, "And his lord was angry and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was owed to him." This refers to the Lord's dealing with His believers at His coming back. If we do not forgive the brother who sins against us, we shall be disciplined by the Lord until we forgive him from the heart, that is, until we have paid everything we owe. Then the Lord will forgive us. This is forgiveness in the kingdom. This implies that if we do not forgive a brother from our heart today, we shall not be allowed to enter into the kingdom in the coming age.

...According to God's mathematics, to forgive is to forget. However, you may not be willing to forgive those who have offended you. This is a serious matter. If you claim to be in the kingdom life in a practical way, why then are you not willing to forgive others from the heart? Your unwillingness to forgive causes you to lose the kingdom life." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 52).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 18:14-15, 18-19, 33-35

Questions:

1. In the church life we simply cannot avoid offending one another. How can we have a harmonious church life, a proper kingdom life? What shall we do if we realize that we have offended others? What shall we do if we have been offended?
2. What is the seriousness in our offending others and not willing to repent? Consider Matt. 18:15-18.
3. Forgiving others as the Lord has forgiven us. What is the seriousness in our unwillingness to forgive others who offended us? Consider Matt. 18:33-35.