

## Please pray:

- ✳ Summer video training 2021: As the summer training is going on, may the Lord continue to grant us to be the best receiver during each message and study time of His dispensing; may the Lord release what is on His heart and speak to the churches an up to date speaking; may the Lord gain us to cooperate with Him in His move and gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳ Beseeching.org: Pray that the saints would learn to pray for the binding of the blinding work of the god of this age so that the gospel of the glory of Christ might shine into the hearts of many unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:3-6 and notes 31, 41, and 44).
- ✳ Prayer for FTTA and FTTA-XB Fall 2021 term: As we resume the training in person, this August, we would like to enter into the term in much prayer and according to the Lord's leading. The following verse and footnote expresses our desire: Ezek. 36:37 - Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Moreover for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. The footnote on "inquired" reads: The Lord promised to increase our number with men like a flock, but we need to pray for this and ask Him to do it (cf. Luke 10:2). Pray to the Lord to increase our number by sending 120 1st term FTTA trainees to Anaheim and 20 FTTA-XB trainees to Boston for Fall 2021.
- ✳ As the government of Quebec is easing up more and more the restrictions, may we be encouraged to meet in person with proper measures; may the Lord cover all the saints and bless the assembly of the saints; may the meetings and the blending times in person be fully recovered according to the Lord's timing.
- ✳ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes Acts 17:19 – 20:38
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 11

## Announcements

- ✳ We will do a whole meeting hall cleaning the first Lord's table of the Month. Please bring your lunch on that day. The cleaning will begin after lunch.
- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Yeow. His email address is [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com). Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

- ✳ Due to technical and practical limitations of holding simultaneous Zoom and in-person children's meetings, from June 27th onwards, we will ONLY hold in-person children's meetings at the meeting hall and there will not be any other Zoom children's meeting on the Lord's Day.
- ✳ The Summer Semiannual Video Training is from July 5 – 18. Those who are registered, please follow the schedule below.

Video Training Schedule (English & French)								
Week	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7	Thu 7/8	Fri 7/9	Sat 7/10		Sun 7/11
1	Msg 1 (7pm)	Msg 2 (7pm)	Msg 3 (7pm)			Msg 4 (1am)	Msg 5 (7pm)	Msg 6 (3pm)
Week	Mon 7/12	Tue 7/13	Wed 7/14	Thu 15	Fri 16	Saturday 7/17		Sun 7/18
2	Msg 7 (7pm)	Msg 8 (7pm)	Msg 9 (7pm)			Msg 10 (10am)	Msg 11 (7pm)	Msg 12 (3pm)

## 2021 夏季錄影訓練時間表

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat	Sun
第一週	信息一 07/05 7:00~9pm 線上	信息二 07/06 7:00~9pm 線上	信息三 07/07 7:00~9pm 線上			信息四 07/10 10~12pm 現場/線上	信息五 07/11 7:00~9pm 線上
第二週	信息七 07/12 7:00~9:00pm 線上	信息八 07/13 7:00~9:00pm 線上	信息九 07/14 7:00~9:00pm 線上			信息十 07/17 10~12pm 現場/線上	信息十一 07/18 7:00~9pm 線上

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ July 21-25: College Training
- ✳ July 24, 10am - 12pm: Rhema seminar series for their French speaking readers
- ✳ Aug 1-6, 2021: Summer School of Truth (SSOT)  
The church website lists more events

## This Week's Activities

4 July LORD'S DAY	✳️ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✳️ 3pm-8:30pm: <b>Teacher's Training for the serving ones for the Summer School of Truth</b>
5 Monday	✳️
6 Tuesday	✳️ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
7 Wednesday	✳️
8 Thursday	✳️
9 Friday	✳️ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
10 Saturday	✳️
11 July LORD'S DAY	✳️ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

## READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psalms 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

### I. THE IMPORTANCE OF READING THE BIBLE

Every Christian should read the Bible because it is "God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). It shows us many things that God has done for us and the way He has led men in the past. If we want to know the riches and vastness of God's provision for us, we must read the Bible. If we want to see God's step-by-step guidance for men, we must read the Bible as well.

God's speaking to man today is based upon what He has already spoken in the past. God rarely speaks things which He has not already spoken in the Bible. Even though a person may be quite advanced in his spiritual walk, God's revelation to him will still be confined to the words that He has spoken in the Bible. Hence, God's speaking today is merely a repetition of His own word. If a person does not know what God has spoken in the past, it is difficult for him to receive His revelation in the present because he lacks the basis for God's speaking.

Moreover, if God wants to speak something to others through us, He will also do it on the basis of what He has spoken in the past. If we do not know what God has said in the past, He cannot speak through us to others, and we are useless in the eyes of God.

This is why we need to let the word of God dwell in us richly. By letting His word dwell in us richly, we know His past ways and hear His present speaking. Only then can God use us to speak to others.

The Bible is a great book. It is a monumental work. Even if we spent our whole life on the Bible, we could only touch a part of its riches. It is impossible for a person to understand the Bible without spending time to study it. Every young Christian should do his best to labor on God's Word so that when he grows old, he can nourish himself and supply others with the riches of the Word.

Everyone who wants to know God must study His Word in a serious way, and every believer should realize the importance of reading God's Word from the very beginning of his Christian life.

### II. BASIC PRINCIPLES IN READING THE BIBLE

There are four basic principles in reading the Bible: (1) Discover the facts, (2) memorize and recite the words, (3) analyze, categorize, and make comparisons, and (4) receive God's enlightening.

We must follow the sequence of these four steps when we read the Bible. We cannot jump from the third to the first step or from the first to the third step. First, discover the facts in the Bible. Second, memorize these facts. We must know and memorize God's Word accurately and exactly. We cannot afford to leave out or ignore any portion. If we do, our reading will profit little. Third, analyze, categorize, and make comparisons with the facts. After we have analyzed the facts accurately, categorized them properly, and compared them clearly before God, we will have the ground to take on the fourth point—God's enlightening.

The Bible contains many facts that are spiritual in nature. When a man's inner eyes are blind, he cannot see these facts. But once he discovers these biblical facts, half of the light contained in the Word will be his. God's enlightening is just His shining upon the facts that are recorded in His Word. Discovering the facts is half of our job in reading the Bible. When we read the Bible, the first thing we have to do is discover these facts.

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