

Please pray:

- ✳ Continual distributions and gospel outreach: Pray that the ones that we have contacted in the past distributions will be interested to meet with us, join the Bible studies, home meetings, personal appointments and activities; may the Lord show us how to shepherd these ones; may He give us key ones on the campuses and may they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ Fall ITERO: May the Lord speak to the brothers what is on His heart; may the Lord prepare the hearts of all the brothers who will be attending to be a good ground for the Lord to dispense His word and His life into them; may the Lord gain what He desires to accomplish in this time.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ Israel: We are praying that ministry books, including Life-studies, will be able to find their way from Egypt to Israel. It is not easy to send books from one country to another, but we pray for the Lord to show us the way.
- ✳ Vietnam: 1. Pray for the new testimony in Ha Long; may the Lord preserve the two young families that migrated there and open the way for the gospel to the factory workers. 2. Pray for the distribution of 7 Rhema e-books, that the gospel of the kingdom can be spread to the Vietnamese-speaking people and the word of the ministry can be supplied to the seeking Christians.
- ✳ 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: 2 Chron 23:1 – 34:33
- ✳ HWMR: The All-inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man, week 4

Announcements

- ✳ The 2022 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up at the Bookroom. Deadline is Oct 24, 2021.
- ✳ 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 Y. His email address is 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.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ October 8-10, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
 - ✳ November 13, Online : **Canada Brothers Conference**
 - ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
 - ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

3	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
October	✳	1pm: Children's Service Orientation
LORD'S DAY		
4	✳	
Monday		
5	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday		
6	✳	
Wednesday		
7	✳	
Thursday		
8	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
9	✳	
Saturday		
10	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
October	✳	1pm: Children's Service Orientation
LORD'S DAY		

MEETING

Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:25; Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26

IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF MEETING

How should we meet? The first principle in the Bible concerning meetings is that all meetings are conducted in the Lord's name. Matthew 18:20 says, "Gathered into My name," which can also be translated as, "Gathered under My name." What does it mean to be gathered under the Lord's name? It means to be under the Lord's authority. The Lord is the center, and everyone is drawn to Him. We do not go to a meeting to visit certain brothers or sisters, nor do we go because we are attracted by certain brothers or sisters. We go to the meeting to be gathered together with other saints under the Lord's name.

The Lord is the center. We do not meet to listen to someone's preaching but to meet the Lord. If you meet to listen to someone's preaching, I am afraid you are coming under that person's name, not under the Lord's name. Sometimes, men's names are used to attract people. This is to draw men under that person's name. But the Lord says that we have to meet under His name.

We should come under the Lord's name because the Lord is not with us in a physical sense (Luke 24:5-6). Whenever the Lord is not physically present, there is the need of His name. When the Lord is physically present, there is less of a need for His name. The name is present because the person Himself is not present. As far as His physical body is concerned, the Lord is in heaven. Yet He has left us with a name. The Lord has promised that if we meet under His name, He will be in our midst. This means that His Spirit will be in our midst. Although the Lord is sitting in heaven, His name is still in our midst, and His Spirit is also in our midst. The Holy Spirit is the One who upholds the Lord's name. The Holy Spirit is the guardian of Christ's name; He protects and guards the Lord's name. Wherever there is the name of the Lord, there is the Holy Spirit, and there the Lord's name is manifested. Those who want to meet must meet under the Lord's name.

The second principle of meeting is that its goal should be for the building up of others. In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul told us that the basic principle of meeting is to build up others, not ourselves. Everything in the meeting should be for the purpose of building up others, not ourselves. Tongue speaking builds up the speaker, but the interpretation of tongues builds up others. In other words, every move that builds up just one person is in the principle of tongue-speaking. The principle of the interpretation of tongues is to dispense into others what we ourselves have been built up with, that others may also be built up. This is why there should not be any tongue-speaking in the meeting if no one can interpret the tongue. No one should speak anything that builds up himself and not others.

Hence, we must consider others when we meet. It is not how much we say, but whether or not what we say builds up others. Whether or not sisters can ask questions in the meeting is determined by the same principle. Asking questions in the meeting is not just for one's own benefit. It is a matter of whether or not the meeting would be dragged down by such questions. Do you want to help the meeting? The clearest indication of whether or not a man's individuality has been dealt with is seen in the meeting. Some only think of themselves. They have a message in their heart which they want to preach, and they must speak it when they come to the meeting. They have a hymn in their heart which they like to sing, and they will do anything to find an opportunity to sing it. They do not care whether the message will help the meeting or whether the hymn will enliven the congregation. This kind of person brings nothing but damage to the meeting.

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