

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP February 17, 2019

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR—The Reality of the Body of Christ, Week 6
(2018 Thanksgiving Conference)

Bible Reading Schedule (text and footnotes)

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Truth Pursuit

Continuing our progression through the Life-Studies brings us to the Epistle of James and the Gospel of Mark. These two books were released together as a pair with James preceding Mark. For this week, we will be in:
Life-Study of James, Msgs 1 –2

Community Gospel

Lord's Days, 2-4pm, Hall 3

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
3/31/2019	\$996,000	93%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
02/16/19	\$928,575.69	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Building Up Zion as the Reality of the Body of Christ

- ⊗ Pray for living out and working out of the New Jerusalem in the churches that the Lord could gain His heart's desire in building up Zion as the reality of the Body of Christ.
- ⊗ Pray that the word released in the International Chinese-speaking Conference would operate in the churches that there would be the seeking and endeavoring in all the churches in the Lord's recovery to enter into a living that would issue in the reality of the Body of Christ.

National: FTTA—New Terms Begins Feb. 18

- ⊗ Pray for the FTTA trainees and the trainers as they begin a new term, that this training would reach its goal in equipping the trainees with the truth and bringing them into the experience of life to build up the Body of Christ.

- ⊗ Pray that the trainees will enter into the church life in the localities where they are assigned and that there would be a mutual blessing to the churches and to the trainees through their participation in the church life.

Local: Truth Pursuit in the Books of James and Mark

- ⊗ Pray for the saints desire and appetite to pursue the truth and be constituted with the God's Word.
- ⊗ Pray that through this pursuit, we would be brought further into the experience of Christ and become those nourished up with the words of the faith to minister and dispense Christ to others.

TWO KINDS OF LIVES

Regarding the truth pursuit of the Life-Studies of James and Mark:

As we have pointed out, if we compare the Epistle of James and the Gospel of Mark, we shall see that these books present two kinds of lives. In the Epistle of James we see something of the life of James, and in the Gospel of Mark we see the life of the Lord Jesus. Each of these books helps us to understand

the other. Without Mark we might not be clear concerning the Epistle of James. Likewise, without James we might not have such a clear understanding of the Gospel of Mark. It is when we compare these two books and see the two lives revealed in them that we have the proper understanding of both the Epistle of James and the Gospel of Mark.

—*Life-study of Mark*

MINISTRY EXCERPTS ON PURSUING THE TRUTH

TAKING THE WORD OF GOD SERIOUSLY

Many of us have been addicted to traditional practices. When we read the Bible, study the Bible, or listen to a message, we may apply what we read or hear in a traditional and even a light way. We may not be serious regarding the Word. We may not regard every point found in the Word or released through a message as crucial. Regarding this matter, we need to be alert and sobered unto prayer. The elders especially need to pray concerning the church in which they are taking the lead. The elders should find out how much of the truth the saints have absorbed. If the elders examine the situation of the church in their locality, they may discover that there have been too many elements of tradition in the way we have taken in the past, and that our presentation has not been so practical.

I am burdened that all the saints would take the Word seriously. When we speak about the divine life, we must sense the seriousness of the matters of life. We need to realize that as believers, as those who love the Lord and seek Him, we must understand His Word, live His Word, practice His Word, and apply His Word first to ourselves and then to others. By the Lord's mercy, I have prepared all the notes in the Recovery Version and all the materials for the Life-study Messages in a very practical way. For this reason, if we read the notes in the Recovery Version or any portion of a Life-study Message, we shall find that it is full of food, full of nourishment. We need to take the Word into us as our nourishment, and we also need to learn how to apply it to ourselves and others.

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Upcoming Events

- ☪ Saturday, March 9
YP Progressive Dinner in the homes

Church-related Websites

- General: churchinirvine.org
 Blog: members.churchinirvine.org
 Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
 Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
 YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org
 Children: children.churchinirvine.org

This Week

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| 17 TH
Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am Lord's table and ICSC Meeting 5 (arrangements made by districts) |
| 19 TH
Tuesday | ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts |
| 21 ST
Thursday | ☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 3 |
| 22 ND
Friday | ☪ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 23 RD
Saturday | ☪ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting |
| 24 TH
Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |

This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of James

Message #:	1	2
Title:	Introduction and Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (1)	Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (2)
Scriptures:	James 1:1-12	James 1:1-12
Verses to Pray-read:	James 1:2—"Count it all joy, my brothers, whenever you fall into various trials"	James 1:3-4—"Knowing that the proving of your faith works out endurance. And let endurance have its perfect work that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing."
Radio Msg:	1	2

LSM Radio Broadcasts: <https://www.lsmradio.com/audio/james.html>

MINISTRY EXCERPTS ON PURSUING THE TRUTH (CONT'D)

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I am concerned that certain of the saints have attended many trainings over the years, but have not received adequate nourishment from all the messages. Furthermore, they do not know how to present the truth of the Word of God to others. For instance, in these messages on 1 Peter you have heard something concerning God's governmental judgment. You may have a general idea regarding this, but you may not know how to use this truth or how to present it properly to others.

A TWOFOLD GOAL

My goal in giving these Life-study Messages is twofold. First, my desire is that through the messages the Word of God will get into the saints. Second, I expect that the messages, when put into print, will become seeds sown among God's people. No matter how much opposition there may be, I shall continue to sow this seed. On the one hand, this seed is a life supply; on the other hand, it is an inoculation. I believe that one day the seed we have sown will produce a harvest.

The future of the Lord's recovery is very promising. At present, in the United States there are at least seven thousand seeking saints in the Lord's recovery. Over the next ten

years, many of our children will become members of the church. When some of them are in their twenties, they will be quite useful to the Lord. Brother Nee, for example, was raised up by the Lord when he was only nineteen. However, the future of the Lord's recovery depends upon our practice regarding the truth. If we treasure the Word and grasp every opportunity to get into it and to take it into us, eventually we shall be fully equipped. We shall know the truth, we shall know life, and we shall know how to grow in the Lord. We shall have a full knowledge and an adequate experience of spiritual things. Then the Lord will have a way to break through and to gain what He has been seeking for centuries.

How can the Lord get what He is after today? According to the situation of the majority of Christians, the Lord has no way. Nearly everywhere the door is closed to Him. This is the reason the Lord must find a way to have a recovery. But my concern is that in the Lord's recovery there is still too much of the traditional practice among us. We need to abandon the traditional way and take up a new way to know the truth, experience it, and present it to others.

Life-study of 1 Peter, msg. 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☪ YP Progressive Dinner

Saturday, March 9 is one of the most anticipated events of the year for the young people—the Progressive Dinner. During this night the young people travel to several different homes to enjoy some food and fellowship with the families in Irvine. In order to carry out this event we need a lot of open homes. If you are willing and able to open your home, please fill out the Google form on our website at irvineyp.com. For any questions, please contact Isaac Acosta: Isaac.acosta@gmail.com, or Guy Cao: guycao@gmail.com.

☪ High School Conferences

The Spring High School sisters' and brothers' conferences will be at Oak Glen and the cost of the conference is \$110/person. Please register at irvineyp.com.

Sisters: March 15-17

Deadline to register: **February 24**

Brothers: March 22-24

Deadline to register: **March 3**