

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available on the church website churchinnyc.org/bible-study.

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

Week 11

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 11:1-9

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 21-22

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: God's Command Concerning Eating

Scripture: Gen. 2:16-17

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msgs. 11, 17

Supplemental Reading: *The Tree of Life*, ch. 1; *The Tree of Life*, ch. 14; *The Divine Economy*, ch. 5; *Enjoying the Riches of Christ for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ*, ch. 6; *Revelation in Genesis: Seeing God's Desire and Purpose in Creation*, ch. 6

Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (May 2-4)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held **at Camp Penuel on May 2-4, 2025**. We strongly encourage the saints who will stay

overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation at the camp due to limited onsite housing.

For registration form and more details about the conference, please visit the church website: www.churchinnyc.org. The registration **deadline is April 20, 2025**. Any questions, please email northeastys@gmail.com.

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (Cont.)**

The conference for the Northeast young people in grades 9-12 concludes today, April 20, **in Camp Penuel**.

- **Registration for 2025 July Semiannual Training**

Registration for the 2025 July Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the Live Training in Anaheim, CA and the Video Training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2025**.

- **Upcoming Events (more details to follow)**

May 16-18: Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference (KPCC)

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office Hours are for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 **Passcode:** 3131

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The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the regional conference in Franklin, NJ last weekend, and prayer for the Lord's hand to follow His Word, that the Spirit of reality may guide all the saints into the reality of everything that was spoken; let us also pray for the going on of all the churches in New Jersey and in New York State
- The Northeast Spring Highschoolers' Conference concludes today at Camp Penuel (KPCC); the general subject of the conference is ***Being Called for God's Purpose***
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. European Responsible Brothers' Training in London last week (April 16-18)
 - b. International Blending Conference in London this weekend (April 19-20)
 - c. The advance of the Lord's move in France and Germany
- International Blending Conference in New Zealand this weekend; let us pray for the going on of the churches in New Zealand, Australia and the rest of the South Pacific
- International Blending Conference in Honduras this weekend for the churches in Central America; let us pray for the advance of the Lord's move throughout all the countries in Central America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama)
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 FALL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - LIVING IN THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WEEK 1: The Kingdom of God – the Realm of the Divine Life and of the Divine Species

Portion from Days 2 and 5:

The kingdom of God is not only the reign of God but also the divine realm or sphere...Thus, we need to be regenerated that we may have the divine life, which enables us to enter into the divine realm and participate in the divine kingdom. Even if we were not fallen or sinful, we would still need to be born

again, because regardless of how good, pure, and clean our human life might be, it is not able to realize the things of the divine realm, and it is not qualified to enter into the divine kingdom...Only the life of God meets the requirements of the kingdom of God. How can our human life know the divine things of the kingdom of God? How can it match the divine kingdom? It is impossible. We need the divine life. We need to be born again. Regeneration is the only way, the unique entrance, into the kingdom of God.

The growing of Christ within us is the coming of the kingdom. It is good to pray, "Your kingdom come," but it is more practical to pray, "Lord, grow within me." "Your kingdom come" may be no more than a religious formula. Although this prayer has been repeated by millions of Christians for more than nineteen hundred years, still the kingdom has not come. It is not difficult for the Lord to answer that prayer, but it is difficult for us to allow Him to grow within us...By being poor in our spirit and pure in our heart, we can give the Lord the ground to grow within us, and this growth will be the real coming of the kingdom. The more quickly we allow Him to grow in us, the more we hasten the coming of the kingdom. (CWWL, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," pp. 51-52)

We need to pray for the Lord's mercy that we may be poor in spirit, pure in heart, right in all that we do, and right according to God's will. If we pray in this way, the Lord Jesus will take us over little by little, and He will fill us up part by part. He will grow in us, and He will increase within us all the time. Eventually, we will no longer produce thorns and thistles, but we will produce grapes and figs, which are simply two different expressions of the kingdom life. Both grapes and figs are used for feeding others. This is the kingdom life. This is not outward conduct; it is the expression of the inward life, which is Christ spreading within our being. If He is to spread into all our inward being, we need to be poor in our spirit, pure in our heart, and right in all that we do, not according to our concepts but according to God Himself. This is the way for Christ to sow Himself into us and to spread Himself into our being so that we may have a corporate life. This corporate life is the kingdom. This is the reality of the church life. Christ as life is spreading Himself into us. Now we can see in a fuller way that the kingdom is the totality of Christ as life spreading into us with all His activities. (CWWL, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," pp. 51, 54-55)