

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 at 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 2

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 2
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 3-4

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Satan's Rebellion and Corruption, Resulting in Judgment

Scripture: Gen. 1:2

Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg. 2
Supplemental Reading: Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Set 1, Vol. 3, "The Christian", msg. 2; The Crucial Revelation of Life in the Scriptures, ch. 1

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

- **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat (Feb. 16-18)**

This year's **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat** will be held in **Camp Penuel** from **February 16 to 18** (Lord's Day afternoon to Tuesday afternoon). We encourage the young people in grades 6 through 12, their families and the serving ones to attend. The registration **deadline is today, February 9**. Registration link is: tinyurl.com/2025nycretreat.

- **2025 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference (Feb. 14-16)**

The conference will be held in person in Anaheim, CA from Feb. 14 to Feb. 16 (Friday to Lord's Day). We will provide zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in Chinese, English, Spanish, or Korean.

Conference Viewing Schedule via Zoom:

Message 1: 9:00 AM Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025
Message 2: 12:00 PM Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025
Message 3: 2:00 PM Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025
Message 4: 4:00 PM Lord's Day, Feb. 16, 2025
Message 5: 7:00 PM Lord's Day, Feb. 16, 2025

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84425141670?pwd=8z7rDWzeUnOI7TNUAZaorHArFMJJY1.1>

Meeting ID: 844 2514 1670 **Passcode:** 2025

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Alternatively, you can watch the conference at LSM Webcast site, www.lsmwebcast.com. Login credentials are not required to access the site. The videos of the messages will be available for free for a period of 30 days after the conference.

- **Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Feb. 28 - Mar. 2)**

The Spanish-speaking Conference will be held in **Camp Penuel** (KPCC) from **February 28 to March 2**. English translation will be provided for all messages. Please register through the serving brothers in each hall. The deadline is **Feb. 16, Lord's Day**.

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

Mar. 21-23: Chinese-speaking 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

- Numbering our days—That we all would learn to number our days and redeem the time so that every day would have eternal value before the Lord
Psalm 90:12 – Teach us then to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Ephesians 5:16 – Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- The going on of the young people and college age saints this semester and the upcoming Winter Retreat for all the young people in the church in NYC which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) from February 16-18
- The FTTA gospel trips—Let us pray for the gospel outreach of the trainees in the past week in Upstate NY (Albany and Rosendale), as well as the ongoing outreach in more than 30 cities on the east coast of the United States and 18 countries in Europe; let us also pray for the follow-up by our local saints with those who were contacted in NYC last week
- The corporate truth pursuit this year in the book of Genesis
- The saints in the church in Los Angeles and the community at large in the wake of the wildfires in the LA area; let us pray for the saints and the people of LA, and stand with the church in LA for their burden for the gospel at this time
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) to be held in Anaheim, CA over the weekend of February 14-16

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)

WEEK 10: Glory and Glorification as Revealed in the Gospel of John

Portions from Day 5:

If we would be one in the divine glory, we must forsake and forget ourselves. It must be no longer I but Christ who lives in me (Gal. 2:20). The “I” has been crucified, and the self must be denied that Christ may live in us. We must not only renounce the world but also ourselves. On the one hand, we have been sanctified from so many worldly places and worldly things and have come home to the Father’s house. On the other hand, each of us has his opinions, thoughts, or ideas. If this is the situation, how can we be one? Once we were separated into various worldly places, but now, having come home, we may still have trouble with the self. For this reason we must not live by our own life but by the life of glory, the divine life...Then, in the glory of this life, we will be one. Hence, there are three grounds or steps of the oneness of the believers: regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. Having God as our Father by regeneration is the first step; coming to the Triune God by separation from the world through the holy word is the second step; and living by the divine life of glory through denying ourselves is the third step.

By denying ourselves we can experience the divine life to such a degree that we are perfected into one. If the brothers in the church life argue and debate with one another one day and then confess and apologize to one another the next day, it means that they have not yet been perfected into one. On the day they realize in full the matter of crucifixion, that the “I” has been crucified on the cross and that they are living by the life of the divine glory, that will be the day when they all will be perfected into one. On that day they will no longer debate or quarrel, because there will not be the self and the opinions. Then they will be perfected into one...When we reach this point, we will be on the highest level of oneness, having been perfected into one by the divine glory given to the believers to express the Triune God in a corporate way.