

Week of June 9, 2019
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WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP of the church in Houston

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Lord's day, 10 a.m. meeting locations are listed below. Please use the contact number listed for each to find more gatherings during the week near you.

Southwest (SW, C1, NW, SpL, CL)
6357 Windswept, Houston, TX 77057
(713) 781-1682

North (Woodlands/Spring)
Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academy of the Woodlands
320 Valley Wood Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380
(713) 416-6649

South (Pearland/Manvel)
Dr. James Red Duke Elementary
2900 County Road 59, Manvel, TX 77578
(713) 806-4052

Central (C2, C3)
YMCA Tellepsen Downtown
808 Pease St, Houston, TX 77002
(713) 201-6282

Southeast (League City/Clear Lake)
South Belt- Ellington Chamber of Commerce
10500 Scarsdale Blvd, Houston, TX 77089
(972) 741-1159
West (Katy)
Best Kids Academy
21915 Royal Montreal Drive, Katy, TX 77450
(956) 624-3168

JUNE 10-15

Holy Word for Morning Revival

*The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and
the Church Life*
Weeks 1 & 2

Evening Constitution

Bible Reading Schedule: **Week 76**

Available at: <https://www.recoveryversion.bible/reading-schedules.html>

Truth Pursuit

Ministry Digest: Introduction – an Overview of the Lord's Recovery

CONFERENCES

South Texas Mini-Conference

Laredo, TX
June 15-16, 2019

Summer 2019 Semi-Annual Training

Anaheim, CA
Live training: July 1-6
Video training: July 4-14 (**registration deadline: June 16**)

IN THE BOOK ROOM

(updated 5/5/19)

- *Living in the Reality of the Body of Christ by Keeping the Principles of the Body – The Holy Word for Morning Revival*
- *Further Talks on the Church Life*
- *The Ministry of the Word – Numbers Training*
- *God's Keeping Power*
- *Ministry Digest, Vol. 1, No. 1*

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Lord's Day, 6/9:

10:00am, Lord's Table and prophesying

Wednesday, 6/12:

10:00am, Truth pursuit at Topstone
12:00pm, Bible study at Topstone
07:30pm, Prayer of the church in the districts

Lord's Day, 6/16:

10:00am, Lord's Table and prophesying

PROPAGATION HELP

There is an instructional video for using the Stoicheo app (Android and iOS) available at [Stoicheo Help](#) for simple record-keeping of neighborhood door-to-door hangers and gospel tract distribution. Please contact your district service office for the required Locality Code.

WAYS TO GIVE

To view some of the ways to give, please go to www.churchinhouston.org/offerings/.

SUGGESTED PRAYER BURDENS

Job 10:12-13 You have granted me life and lovingkindness, / And Your visitation has preserved my spirit. But You have hidden these things in Your heart; / I know that this is with You:

Footnote 1 This indicates that Job could not find the reason for God's treatment of him, but he believed that there had to be some reason hidden in God's heart. Job was right; something was hidden in God's heart — the mystery of the ages (Eph. 3:9). After creating man in His image and according to His likeness (Gen. 1:26), God kept His intention hidden throughout the ages. Before the New Testament time He did not unveil to anyone what His purpose was (Eph. 3:4-5).

The mystery hidden in God's heart is God's eternal economy (Eph. 1:10; 3:9; 1 Tim. 1:4), which is God's eternal intention with His heart's desire to dispense Himself in His Divine Trinity as the Father in the Son by the Spirit into His chosen people to be their life and nature that they may be the same as He is as His duplication (Rom. 8:29; 1 John 3:2), to become an organism, the Body of Christ as the new man (Eph. 2:15-16), for God's fullness, God's expression (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19), which will consummate in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2 — 22:5). Not knowing God's intention, Job misunderstood God and thought that God was angry with him and was judging him and punishing him. God's intention was not to judge Job or to punish him but to tear him down and then rebuild him with Himself, to make Job a new man in God's new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). This is the answer to Job, to the book of Job, and to Job's vindication.

MINISTRY EXCERPTS

THE FLESH FIGHTING AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE IN THEIR JOURNEY TO ATTAIN TO GOD'S GOAL

Exodus 17:8-13 speaks of Amalek fighting against the children of Israel while they were journeying to attain to God's goal. Amalek signifies the flesh. This reveals that the flesh fights against God's people in their journey to attain to God's goal. As we follow the Lord on His way, the biggest subjective and inward frustration is our flesh. The flesh always frustrates, hinders, and fights against us in our journey. The church is delayed from going on mainly because of the flesh.

GOD BEING DETERMINED TO BLOT OUT THE FLESH AND TO FIGHT AGAINST IT FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Exodus 17 tells us that the Lord swore to have war with Amalek from generation to generation (vv. 14-16). The children of Israel overcame Amalek through Moses and Joshua. Moses was praying on the mountain, while Joshua was fighting Amalek. Moses and Joshua are two aspects of Christ: the ascended Christ interceding and the indwelling Christ fighting. We have no other way to overcome the flesh except by the living Christ, who is the ascended One interceding for us and the indwelling One fighting within us.

This warfare cannot be settled once for all. It is a warfare that continues from generation to generation. Day after day and all day long, while we are still in the old creation, we have to fight against the flesh. God is determined to blot it out, but this is not easy. In the fight against Amalek, Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi, which means "Jehovah my banner" (Exo. 17:15). This means that Jehovah is the banner for fighting. God is determined to blot out the flesh and to fight against it from generation to generation.

GOD COMMANDING US TO UTTERLY DESTROY THE FLESH

In 1 Samuel 15:1-3 God charged King Saul to destroy Amalek utterly, and He told Saul that this was because of what happened in Exodus 17 when Amalek frustrated the journey of God's people to reach His goal. God commanded Saul to destroy everything belonging to Amalek, but Saul did not do it.

Basic Lessons on Service, Chapter 18, by Witness Lee

SAINTS FROM HOUSTON IN THE FULL-TIME TRAINING

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| Rachel Wang—1 st term | Ryan Armstrong— FTTA-XB |
| Adolfo Fernandez—3 rd term | Susannah Bruso—FTTA-XB |
| Sebrina Yan—4 th term | Marvin Igwe—FTTA-XB |
| Mark Fan—4 th term | Ty Wilson—FTTA-XB |
| Ruth Long—4 th term | Austin Zhang—FTTA-XB |
| Austin Hu—4 th term | |

LETTERS TO HOUSTON

Hello!

Since the last time I wrote, the Training has really begun to pick up speed. As we approach graduation, there is a plethora of things that gets added into our schedule - fellowships, graduation practices, dinners. Truth be told, all of us are a bit more worn out than in previous terms, but I don't think I would trade these times for anything.

I was touched recently concerning the Bible (surprisingly, to me, since it's really what this Training is all about, but the Lord seems to always have a fresh word for us):

We need to get into the Word; otherwise, we will never be a supply. We will never water others. Why do people get watered? Because we speak the Bible!

How do we give God the room to grow in us? By reading the Bible; by searching the Scriptures and finding Christ.

John 6:63 - "...the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life." Christ is the Spirit; the life-giving Spirit; even the intensified Spirit, and this Spirit today is embodied in His Word.

It has been increasingly difficult to finish everything I want to do in the past few weeks (hence the lack of emails - I'm sorry!), and it's personally been a point of frustration. The time just doesn't seem to be there. However, through some fellowship, I was helped to see that the real waste is if we do things without the Lord. I can finish everything on my task list, but I really gain nothing if I didn't involve Him.

Hopefully, the next email won't be too far off in the future!

Sebrina Yan

AN INTRODUCTION TO *MINISTRY DIGEST*

The purpose of this monthly digest is to help to encourage and assist in the daily reading of the ministry in the Lord's recovery. Its two specific goals are: (1) to help the saints to enter into the riches of The Collected Works of Witness Lee and (2) to provide ministry content for the churches in their corporate weekly pursuit. The Collected Works of Witness Lee comprises one hundred thirty-nine volumes arranged chronologically by year. In this digest we will focus primarily on specific topics from many of these volumes and introduce selected readings on these topics to saints who do not have access to the printed volumes. It is our desire to help the saints get into the riches contained in The Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. This publication will help the saints and churches develop a taste and deepen the desire for reading the ministry in a consistent way. It is intended to supplement and not replace the Recovery Version of the Bible, the Life-study messages, The Holy Word for Morning Revival, and The Ministry of the Word magazine. Each issue of Ministry Digest will be divided into four sections with four messages in each section.

We will have select sections to go through corporately each week, and the saints also can go through another section personally each week. Any section may continue through a few or many issues. When the messages in one section are completed over time, new topics in new sections will be introduced. May the Lord bless our reading of and constitution with the riches that He has entrusted to us!