

**2008 Summer Training: Crystallization Study of Luke:****Message Six: The Kingdom of God**

The kingdom of God is a crucial subject of the Gospel of Luke. In the gospel messages, gospel parables, and gospel cases, one can see the kingdom of God being woven into the Gospel of Luke. Luke 4:13 shows the Lord was sent to announce the gospel of the kingdom; this is also the first time Lord began His ministry, which is the reality of Jubilee. Later the Lord charge the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God; then sent seventy, charging them to proclaim the kingdom of God, telling people the kingdom of God has drawn near. Lastly, in His resurrection, for forty days He was speaking concerning things related to the kingdom of God. Therefore, the main message the Lord Jesus was speaking on the earth was the proclamation of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom is the increase of Christ. In life Christ increases to become the church; in administration Christ increases to become the kingdom. Therefore, the church today is the increase of Christ in life, and the kingdom of God is the increase of Christ in His administration. As revealed in John chapter 3, the bride is the increase of the bride groom; as Eve is the increase of Adam. This is the result of the growth and increase of Christ as the seed of life. Eventually, this increase will be a great mountain that filled the earth to the kingdom of God.

Luke 4:43 says "I must announce the gospel of the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this I was sent" To preach the gospel of the kingdom is to proclaim the kingdom of God as the good news, glad tidings. The kingdom of God today is the church life, is lived out by the faithful believers, and will develop into the coming kingdom, as a reward to the overcoming saints in the millennial kingdom. Eventually, the kingdom of God will consummate in the New Jerusalem to be God's eternal kingdom.

Luke 8:10a says "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God". This indicates God's economy concerning the kingdom was a hidden mystery, which was unveiled to the disciples. Luke 13:29 indicates gentiles will come from east, west, north, and south to the wedding feast that is the kingdom of God. This will take place in the kingdom age, in the millennial kingdom. This is not just a matter of being saved, but to enter into the full Jubilee, enter into the full enjoyment of the kingdom of God; not only in this age, but also in the coming age.

The Lord's word at Luke 17:20 indicates that the kingdom of God is not material but spiritual; it is the Savior in His first coming, in His second coming, in the rapture of His overcoming believers, and in His destroying of the Antichrist to recover the whole earth for His reign there. This proves the kingdom of God is the Savior Himself; wherever the Savior is, there the kingdom of God is. Christ, who was among the Pharisees but who is now within the believers. Therefore, today the kingdom of God is in the church.

Lastly, Luke 19 portrays the Lord as a man of noble birth went to a distant country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. A certain man of noble birth signifies the Savior, who is of the highest stature – the God-man, both honorable in His deity and noble in His humanity. Went to a distant country signifies the Savior's going to heaven after His death and resurrection. Return signifies the Savior's coming back with the kingdom. This parable described how saved persons should serve the Lord, so that they can receive the coming kingdom. We want to be faithful servants waiting for the Lord's return.

**2008 Winter Training**

Place: Living Stream Ministry Campus, Building 5, 2431 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, California

Dates: Monday, December 22, 2008, 4:00pm—Saturday, December 27, 2008, 9:30pm

Registration Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Cost: \$150 for live training, \$75 for video training. Outline Fee: \$5.00

**2008 Thanksgiving Conference**

Time: November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – November 30<sup>th</sup> (Lord's Day) 2008

Place: Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel

1551 N. Thoreau Dr. Schaumburg, Illinois 60173

Please register by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Saints are welcome to attend

**2009 International Chinese Speaking Conference**

Time: January 25<sup>th</sup> (Lord's Day) – January 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), 2009

Place: Taipei, Taiwan

Registration: please register through Ben Wu or Henry Hsu (whether or not one needs hospitality)

Registration fee: \$150

Please register by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Bible for America Prayer Request**

From 9/15 – 9/25/2008, more than 30 saints participated in the mobile home

tour in distribution of Bible at collages in Minneapolis, Wisconsin, and Illinois and contacted 310 gospel contacts who receive the Bible. Please continue to pray for this move and bless the distribution of Bible in the US.

**2008 Fall Junior High and High School Conference**

High School Brothers' Conference (register before 10/12/2008)

Time: 10/24 – 10/26/2008 Place: Engedi Camp

High School Sisters' Conference (register before 10/12/2008)

Time: 10/24 – 10/26/2008 Place: Oak Glen Camp

Junior High Brothers' Conference (register before 10/19/2008)

Time: 10/31 – 11/2/2008 Place Engedi Camp

Junior High Sisters' Conference (register before 10/19/2008)

Time: 10/31 – 11/2/2008 Place: Oak Glen Camp

Registration fee is \$100 per person, please register through [www.scypwork.org](http://www.scypwork.org)

**2008 Fall College Conference**

When: 11/7 – 11/9/2008

Where: Big Bear Elementary School, Big Bear California

Subject: Wonderful Savior and His Dynamic Salvation

Cost: \$95

Registration deadline: Please register by 10/26/2008

**Exercise – Living a Life to Proclaim the Jubilee of Grace**

From September 11 – October 30, on Thursday of these 8 weeks there will be exercise of living a life that proclaim the Jubilee by praying and visiting. We will meet at hall 2 every Thursday at 7:30 PM, have some prayer and fellowship, and visit saints at 8:00 PM. We hope saints who are willing to live such a life of proclaiming the Jubilee will join this practice Thursday at 7:30 PM. Please pray for this matter, praise the Lord.

**Corporate Meeting Delayed**

- For Chinese speaking saints, the corporate meeting originally scheduled on October 5<sup>th</sup> will be delayed one week, the next Chinese speaking corporate meeting will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Corporate prayer meeting scheduled on October 7<sup>th</sup> is changed to October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Gospel Calendar**

2009 Gospel Calendar is available for pre-order, cost is \$5.00 each plus tax. Please pre-order by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

**Fellowship and Report on Finances**

The total offering on September 28<sup>th</sup> is \$9,685.00 (general \$3,595.00 designated \$6,090.00)

**Weekly Reading Schedule of New Testament**

Reading Schedule for this Week:

Lord's Day	Luke 5:1 – 6:11	Monday	Luke 6:12 – 49
Tuesday	Luke 7:1 – 35	Wednesday	Luke 7:36 – 8:21
Thursday	Luke 8:22 – 56	Friday	Luke 9:1 – 36
Saturday	Luke 9:37 – 62		

**Morning Revival for this week**

Crystallization Study of Luke Message 6

**Church Meeting Schedule (10/6- 10/12/2008)**

Meetings	Date	Time	Place
Prayer Meeting	Tuesday	07:30 PM	Hall 1
Prayer Meeting (Chinese)	Tuesday	07:30 PM	Hall 2
Truth Pursuit (Chinese)	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Ministry Meeting	Wednesday	7:30 PM	LSM campus
Sisters' Meeting	Thursday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
College Meeting	Friday	06:30 PM	Homes
Small Group (Working Saints)	Saturday	06:30 PM	Homes
Small Group (Chinese)	Fri. Sat.	07:00 PM	Homes
Small Group (Chinese)	Saturday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Sisters' Prayer Meeting	Saturday	09:30 AM	House 6
Young People's Meeting	Saturday	06:30 PM	Hall 1
Lord's Table	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Hall 1
Lord's Table (Chinese)	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Hall 2

Date	Meal / Cleaning Service	Lord's table Service
10/5/2008	District A	District B
10/12/2008	District B	District C