

我們的異象與使命

【前言】

正如啓示錄所記載的七個代表性的教會，每個教會都有她特別的處境與挑戰，都有她特別蒙恩之處和 神所給她獨有的托付。矽谷基督徒聚會 (SVCA) 自然也有她的特色、她特別蒙恩的地方和她不足、最需要成長之處。轉眼之間，SVCA 從成立迄今已經 23 年，她從 神所領受的異象與使命也從雛形到逐漸成形。這個異象和使命不僅愈來愈成為我們一切事奉、聚會的準則，也更成為我們努力成長的方向和榮耀的標竿。

在人類歷史上，可以說沒有一個世代像現今這個世代鉅變如此的快速。世界潮流的衝擊、自我中心的思維與生活方式、不住墮落的道德標準、混亂的優先順序... 在在都影響了我們的生活與事奉。箴言中說到：『沒有異象，民便放肆』(箴 29:18)。我們如何才能在今時代中照著主的心意不住長進、同被建造，不僅「一起」為主剛強站住，進而能「一起」成為黑夜中的明燈，為主發光作見證，我深信這也是每個教會今日所共同面對的挑戰。

因此，從這一堂課中，我們不僅希望弟兄姊妹們只是知道 SVCA 的異象和使命到底是什麼，更希望大家能明白：為什麼它是這麼重要？到底我們的異象和使命如何能幫助我們面對現今世代的挑戰？它與我們的生活，事奉與言行有何關聯？我們該如何具體的落實它？又如何能使它代代傳承下去，直到主回來？

【信息綱要】

A) 什麼是「異象」？

『聖靈把 神永遠的旨意向我們開啟，它吸引我們，並且控制我們一切的生活、言行、與事奉。』

B) 「異象」的特點

- 1) 異象是活的，它是生命，它會不住地增長、成熟
- 2) 異象會控制我們一切的生活、言行、與事奉
- 3) 異象具有最強的黏合力
- 4) 異象會產生不妥協的使命感

C) 我們的異象：『基督與教會』

1) 『基督』 - 「基督是一切，又在一切之內」 (*Christ is all & in all*)

(a) 基督是一切

(1) 主居首位

- 基督在凡事上居首位，且是一切生活與事奉的中心、目的、與內容。

(2) 不再是我，乃是基督

- 我們的生活、事奉、與各種聚會不僅都當「為著祂」(For Him)，並且更要「本於祂」(Of Him) 且「倚靠祂」(By Him)。

(3) 承受「全有、全足、全豐」的救恩

- 在基督裏我們得以承受「天上各樣屬靈的福氣」及「神本性一切的豐盛」(弗 1:3，西 2:9-10)

(b) 又在一切之內

- 不只看見基督充滿萬有，更要憑著信心，學習從一切的生活和遭遇中來「經歷基督」、「得著基督」並且「活出基督」來。(羅 8:28-30, 腓 3:7-8, 13-14)

II) 『教會』：教會是基督的身體，是基督要來充滿並彰顯 神榮耀的器皿

❖ 「全然為主」是教會存在的意義與價值(F.O.R. Christ)，也是教會見證的三個重點：

- a) Fullness — 是基督豐滿的彰顯
- b) Oneness — 是基督身體合一的見證
- c) Richness — 承受元首一切的豐富

D) 我們的使命

—無論個人、家庭、與教會，盼望都成為耶穌基督『道成肉身』的見證人

【問題討論】

1. 請用你自己的話，描述一下 SVCA 的異象與使命是什麼？
2. 在你加入 SVCA 時，你覺得她有哪些特點？聽完這一堂課之後，你覺得這些特點與 SVCA 的異象與使命有何關聯？有哪些地方我們需要加強，使她能更忠於神所托付的？
3. 就著你所屬的小組及所負責的服事(例如：招待、兒童主日學、帶領查經、影音、福音、關懷、行政、詩歌敬拜、擘餅...等等)，你是如何受這個異象與使命來支配或引導？
4. 請與組員分享這個異象與使命曾經如何影響你的生活、言行、與事奉？

Our Vision and Mission

【Introduction】

Just like the seven representative churches addressed in the book of Revelation, every church has her unique circumstances and challenges, as well as her special blessings and commissions from God. Likewise Silicon Valley Christian Assembly (SVCA) also has her unique characteristics, special blessings, lackings and areas of growth. In the blink of an eye, SVCA has been founded for 23 years, and the vision and mission she received from God has gradually evolved to maturity. The vision and mission not only has become the guideline for our service and meetings, but has also become the direction of our growth and our glorious goal.

Throughout human history, there has never been a generation like this one where the world is going through unprecedented rapid changes. The impact of global trend, self-centered mindset and lifestyle, ever deteriorating moral standards, confused priorities...etc are all affecting our life and service. As Proverbs says, “Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.” (Proverbs 29:18) How can we continue to grow and be edified in the Lord’s will, so that not only ‘together’ we stand firm for the Lord, but also ‘together’ we become the light in the dark night and shine for the Lord? I believe this is a common challenge faced by every church.

Therefore in this lesson, not only that we hope brothers and sisters will grasp the vision and mission of SVCA, but also understand why it is so important. How can our vision and mission help us face the challenges of this age? How is it relevant to our life, walk and service? How can we actualize it? And how can we pass it on generation to generation until the return of the Lord?

【Message Outline】

A) What is “Vision”?

“Vision is the eternal will of God revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Vision draws us, and controls our life, walk and service.”

B) Characteristics of “Vision”

- 1) Vision is alive. It is life and will continue to grow and mature
- 2) Vision will control our life, walk and service
- 3) Shared vision forges the strongest bond
- 4) Vision will create an uncompromising sense of mission

C) Our Vision: “Christ and Church”

D) “Christ” - “Christ is all and in all”

(a) Christ is all

(1) The Lord has the preeminence

- Christ has the preeminence in all things, and is the center, purpose and content of our life and service.

(2) No longer I, but Christ

- Our life, service and meetings should be not only “for Him”, but even more so “of Him” and “by Him”

(3) To inherit the all sufficient salvation

- In Christ we inherit “every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” and “all the fullness of the Godhead” (Ephesians 1:3; Colossians 2:9-10)

(b) Christ is in all

- Not only to see that Christ fills all, but even more so by faith to “experience Christ”, “obtain Christ” and “live out Christ” in all our life circumstances (Romans 8:28-30; Philippians 3:7-8, 13-14)

II) “Church”: Church is the body of Christ, the vessel to be filled by Christ and to manifest God’s glory

- “Wholly for the Lord” is the significance and worth of the existence of the church (F.O.R. Christ). F.O.R represents three areas of the testimony of the church:
 - a) **F**ullness — the manifestation of the fullness of Christ
 - b) **O**neness — the testimony of the unity of the body of Christ
 - c) **R**ichness — To inherit all the fulness of the Head

D) Our Mission

— Every individual, family and church will become “incarnated” witnesses of Jesus Christ.

【Discussion Questions】

1. Please describe the vision and mission of SVCA in your own words.
2. When you first joined SVCA, what characteristics did you think that she possessed? After this lesson, do you see any relevance between those characteristics and her vision and mission? What are the areas that we can improve so that she can be even more faithful to God’s commission?
3. While serving in your small group or service group (e.g. usher, children’s Sunday school, leading Bible study, projection, multimedia, gospel, caring, administration, worship, communion, etc), how are you guided and controlled by this vision and mission?
4. Please share with your small group members how this vision and mission ever impacted your life, walk and service.