認識我們的教會(2)

『同一心靈,同一腳蹤』

經文: 我們行事,不同是一個心靈(或譯:聖靈)嗎?不同是一個腳蹤嗎?(林後 12:18b)

- A) 『同一心靈,同一腳蹤』的重要
 - 一神所要得著的見証不只是個人,更是每一個家庭與每一個教會
 - 一同心所帶下的力量、祝福和影響力是個人孤軍奮戰所不能比的
 - -歷世歷代以來仇敵總是全力破壞『在基督裡』的一(the unity in Christ)
- B) 『同一心靈,同一腳蹤』的挑戰:「捨己」、「付代價」
 - 1) 跨越一切不該有的隔閡
 - 一文化、種族、語言、年齡、性別、背景、音樂、個人喜好和看法···都不該成為 彼此的隔閡
 - 2) 屬靈的傳承
 - 一警覺並且勝過『同化』及『斷代』的危機
- C) SVCA 的成長之路與特別感恩之處:『天召不移,路滿脂油』
 - 1) 第一代移民的艱辛與使命
 - 2) 長江後浪推前浪的安慰與祝福
 - 3) 『至於我和我家,我們必定事奉耶和華』的宣告與見證(書 24:16)
- D) SVCA 所祈盼的合一見証

15···凡事長進,連於元首基督, 16 全身都靠他聯絡得合式,百節各按各職,照各體的功用彼此相助,便叫身體漸漸增長,在愛中建立自己。(弗 4:15b-16)

- 1) 積極方面
 - a) 在基督裡合一,在主愛裡同被建造 (弗 4:13)
 - b) 國度的宏觀與胸懷

2) 消極方面

- a) 避免任何會傷害基督身体的思想和言行
- b) 同心除去任何隔斷的牆

【問題討論】

- 1. 請試著列舉你認為是最容易造成你個人和神兒女之間有隔閡的因素? 為什麼在信息中說到「捨己」和「付代價」是『同一心靈,同一腳蹤』的挑戰? 有什麼是可以幫助我們一起來克服這些挑戰的嗎?
- 2. 你能看得出教會在跨越各樣隔閡上所做的努力嗎? 是否有什麼特別的見證願意與眾人分享?
- 3. 為著能夠同心『除去任何隔斷的牆,在基督裡同被建造』, 請試著以小組為單位,找出一項全組可以一起努力來推行並提升全教會在主裏更同心往前的可行計劃,尤其是在跨越語言、年齡、國籍、和文化背景的障礙上。請各組討論之後,由小組長或副組長一週之內將討論結果放在「<u>同一心靈,同一腳蹤小組實習計劃</u>」。 實行項目舉例如下,但不局限於:

積極方面:

- 主動去關心、照顧新來的人
- 和不熟的弟兄姐妹們用餐
- 年長服事/接送
- 服事比自己年幼的肢體 如青少年、在校學生、等
- 多開口唱詩、禱告扶持聚會
- 參與英文組聚會或活動
- ...

消極方面:

- 絕不參與任何批評論斷的談話
- 聚會不遲到,免得影響聚會品質及同工士氣
- 改變對某類特定族群的偏見或忽視
- 用正面的態度來回應教會的帶領和決策

Knowing Our Church (2)

- Same Spirit, Same Steps

Scriptures: "Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?"

(2 Cor 12:18b)

- A. The importance of walking in the same Spirit and in the same steps
 - The testimony that God desires to obtain are not only from individuals, but more so from every family and every church
 - The strength, blessings, and degree of influence brought about through the unity of many surpass the efforts of an individual
 - Throughout every generation the enemy fully seeks to destroy the unity in Christ
- B. The challenges of walking in the same Spirit and in the same steps: denying self and paying the price
 - a. Crossover everything that should not be barriers
 - Culture, race, language, age, gender, background, music, personal preferences, ... should never become our barriers
 - b. Passing on of spiritual inheritance
 - Be alert and overcome the crisis of "assimilation" and "a severed generation"
- C. Particular area of thanksgiving along the path of growth for SVCA: The unwavering heavenly calling and the richness of God's blessings along the way
 - a. The hardships and mission of first generation immigrants
 - b. The comforts and blessings of wave pushing waves
 - c. The proclamation and testimony of, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" (Josh 24:16)
- D. The testimony of oneness expected by SVCA
 - "... grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Eph 4:15b-16)
 - a. Positive aspects
 - i. Come to the unity in Christ and be built up together in the love of the Lord (Eph 4:13)
 - ii. Having the heart and vision for God's kingdom
 - b. Negative aspects
 - i. Abstain any thoughts or words that would bring harm to the body of Christ
 - ii. Remove any dividing walls in one accord

[Discussion Questions]

- 1. Share examples of what commonly causes divisions among God's children. Why did the message mention that the challenges to walking in the same Spirit and in the same steps are to "deny self" and "pay the price"? What can we do to overcome these two challenges?
- 2. What efforts by SVCA can you see which have been done to overcome different barriers among us? Do you have testimonies to share with us on this topic?
- 3. In order to achieve the goal of "Being built up together in the love of the Lord," please find some practical ways as a group to overcome any potential barriers (such as language, age, nationality, and culture) among us. SG leaders need to record the discussion outcome in the following shared doc. Such possible ways include:

Positively:

- Be proactive to care for newcomers;
- Enjoy a meal together with people you don't know
- Provide rides to seniors
- Care for younger generations such as youth and students
- · Actively participate in all meetings
- Join the meetings and activities of the English ministry

Passively:

- Never criticize others
- Do not be late to meetings to avoid disturbing the meeting and others
- Change any potential biases or negativity you may have toward any groups
- Respond positively to the leading and decisions of Church leadership