

各種聚會的目的及內容

經文： 24 又要彼此相顧，激發愛心，勉勵行善。 25 你們不可停止聚會，好像那些停止慣了的人，倒要彼此勸勉，既知道那日子臨近，就更當如此。（來 10:24-25）

1 看哪，弟兄和睦同居是何等地善，何等地美！ 2 這好比那貴重的油 澆在亞倫的頭上，流到鬚鬚，又流到他的衣襟； 3 又好比黑門的甘露降在錫安山；因為在那裏有耶和華所命定的福，就是永遠的生命。（詩篇 133 篇）

A. 所有的聚會都應當是『以基督為中心的敬拜』

教會是基督的身體，是基督要來充滿並彰顯神榮耀的器皿。所以，教會「每次的聚會」與「各種的聚會」不只是人的聚集，乃應當讓基督成為我們的中心、目的、與內容。在各種的聚會與各樣的事奉中，不僅都當「為著祂」（For Him），更要「本於祂」（Of Him）並且「倚靠祂」（By Him）。這是任何性質和方式的聚會值得存在的意義與價值。

B. 各種聚會的品質與深度當不斷提升

一個健康的教會，理當是一個不住增長、更新的教會。各種聚會要照著神的心意，在聖靈中進行，品質與深度不僅持續提升，祝福參加的人，而且使神得著榮耀，達到『榮神益人』的目的。

C. SVCA 經常性的聚會

1) 禱告聚會

是我們一起在聖靈裡藉著禱告與神親近、與主同工，為神旨、為神家、為聖徒同心代求的聚會，也是教會是否能蒙福、得勝與復興的關鍵。

2) 小組聚會

是著重在我們如何在聖靈裡活出肢體相愛與身體見證的聚會——一起享受肢體在愛中彼此相顧、扶持，就著聖經和信息回饋，彼此相交、建造，也一起為主傳福音、作見證。藉著這樣的聚會也為神家全面性地提供了更多事奉與培養領袖的機會。

3) 主日聚會

主日是主復活的日子，所有神的兒女都該非常重視且應該特特將其分別為聖，來教會與眾聖徒一同敬拜/事奉神、記念救主、更新奉獻。我們的主日聚會主要包括了：

a) 敬拜

包括詩歌敬拜、擘餅記念主、與信息、見證，及會後的回應。這是我們最能彰顯對神的認識、生命度量、事奉品質與教會見證的聚會。這個聚會也是最多肢體在會前會中投入服事的聚會。

b) 聖徒造就

針對不同語言(中英文)、不同年齡(成人、青少年、兒童)及不同需要(聖經真理、造就、福音、生活專題，事奉培訓...等等)的主日學課程，是細水長流的建造大工，為著使神兒女們能接受深入且有針對性的系統造就與裝備。

c) 全民參與的**愛筵交通**及包括**整潔維護**等的各項服事也是我們在主日向神獻上的美好見證。

4) 傳福音聚會

傳福音、作見證不僅是主所留給每個聖徒和教會的使命，也是個人和教會生命健康與長大成熟自然的結果。因此，傳福音聚會是我們永遠不可忽略或停止成長的聚會。除了個人的佈道以外，區/小組或全教會至少每 1-2 個月都該有如此的聚會。

D. SVCA 不定期的聚會

- 1) **受浸聚會** — 是蒙恩罪人見證與主同死、同埋葬、同復活，歸入主名下，最榮耀，也最喜樂的聚會
- 2) **各種事奉聚會**：針對全教會或各事奉部門、區/小組、各種團隊事奉上的溝通與需要，包括了年度性與季度性同工溝通/事奉聚會
- 3) **各種培訓聚會**：針對各項服事與神家不同階段的特殊需要而有的針對性培訓
- 4) **同工退修會**：針對新年度主題，全体同工們深入禱告、交通、並尋求落實之路
- 5) **全教會年度特會**：是年度性全教會的盛會，是配合並強化全年主題的培靈聚會
- 6) **特別聚會**：針對特別需要(例如：中英組合辦的 FUSE 青年特會)或外請講員，而有的專題講座、追求聚會...等等。
- 7) **其它**：結婚聚會，安息聚會，迎新聚會...等等。

【討論問題】

- 1) 信息中特別提到每一種聚會和任何時候的聚會都應該是『以基督為中心的敬拜』。請大家分享對此的領受與學習。當聚會偏離此中心原則時，我們應當怎樣使它重回正路？
- 2) 關於「所有神的兒女都應該將主日分別為聖，來到神家與眾聖徒一同敬拜/事奉神...」，請大家都簡短分享你在這方面的態度與學習。如何能有效地幫助在這些方面還不穩定的弟兄姊妹有進步？
- 3) 請與組員分享你在 SVCA 在那些聚會最有得著？那一個聚會最能達到“榮神益人”的目的？為什麼？
- 4) 請從禱告聚會、小組聚會及主日聚會三者中擇一提出可以提升品質的建議及具體行動。

The purpose and content of all our meetings

Scriptures: And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb 10:24-25)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore. (Ps 133)

A. All our meetings are to be “Christ centered worship”

Church is the body of Christ, the vessel by which Christ is to fill and magnify the glory of God. Therefore, at every meeting (regardless of its type) we ought to let Christ be the center, the purpose, and content; and not just the gathering of people. All of our meetings and services are not simply “for Him”, but “of Him” and “by Him”. These are the purposes and values for the existence of any type of meeting.

B. The quality and depth of our meetings should continually be elevated

A healthy church ought to grow and be renewed continually. All our meetings are to be conducted in the Holy Spirit and according to the heart of God. The quality and depth of the meeting should be elevated continually to bless all who attend and that God can be glorified – to attain to the purpose of being glorifying to God and beneficial to everyone.

C. Regular meetings at SVCA

1) Prayer Meetings

Where we come together in the Holy Spirit to draw near the Lord through prayer; to co-work with the Lord in one accord through intercession according to the will of God and for the house of God. This is the key to the blessings, victories, and revival of the church.

2) Small Group Meetings

It is the meeting where we live out the love and testimony of the body life in the Holy Spirit – to enjoy the love, care, and support from other members. We built, testify and share the gospel of Christ through feedback and fellowship of Scripture and Sunday messages. Though this meeting we can also provide more service opportunities and participations for everyone while developing future leaders.

3) Sunday Meetings

This is the Lord’s Day – the day of the Lord’s resurrection. The children of God ought to respect and sanctify this day for the gathering of the saints to worship/serve God, remember the Savior Lord, and renew our consecration. Our Sunday services compose of the following elements:

- a. Worship - Through songs, communion, messages, testimonies, and alter calls. It is the gathering by which we are most able to corporately reflect on our knowledge of God, depth of our spiritual life, quality of our services, and our testimony. This meeting is also the one that involves the most amount of member preparation/contribution before and during the service.

b. Edification of the Saints – Providing Sunday school curriculums meeting various needs (English, Chinese, adults, youth, children, gospel, etc.) to systematically equip and edify the saints. This is a long, steady, and grand construction.

c. Everyone participating in the fellowship of love feast and all manner of cleaning/maintenance services are also wonderful testimonies that we can offer unto God on the Lord's day

4) **Gospel Meetings**

Sharing the gospel is not only the commission that the Lord has given to the church and every saint, but it is also the natural result of a healthy and maturing individual and a maturing church. Therefore, we should never neglect or stop growing when it comes to evangelism. Aside from personal evangelism, every district/small group should at a minimum have a gospel meeting every 1-2 month(s).

D. Occasional meetings at SVCA

- 1) **Baptismal Meetings** – It is where sinners who are saved by grace and brought under the name of the Lord testify of their union with the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord. It is one of the most glorious and joyous meetings.
- 2) **Service Meetings**: Focuses specifically on the communication and needs of all the services for the entire church, various departments, district/small groups, and fellowships groups.
- 3) **Training Meetings**: Targeted service training to accommodate seasonal and special needs within God's house.
- 4) **Coworker's Retreat**: For the purpose of kicking off the church wide annual theme and providing opportunities for more in depth prayer and fellowship among co-workers in order to work out practical implementation plans.
- 5) **Annual Church Wide Conferences**: An annual church wide distinguished meeting for the purpose of strengthening the annual theme and spiritual pursues.
- 6) **Special Meetings**: to accommodate special needs (i.e. – FUSE combined young adult meeting), invitation of special guest speakers, topical seminars, pursuit meetings ... etc.
- 7) **Others**: Weddings, Memorial Services, Welcoming Gatherings ... etc.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) The message particularly mentioned that all our meetings, regardless of the type of gathering, are to be "Christ centered worship". Please ask everyone to share what you have received and learned concerning this point. If we ever discover that we have deviated from this center, how do we bring ourselves back?
- 2) Please ask everyone to briefly share on their attitude and what they have learned concerning: "The children of God ought to respect and sanctify this day for the gathering of the saints to worship/serve God ..." How do we effectively help brothers and sisters who are still unsteady in this area to improve?
- 3) Please share with your small group members regarding which SVCA meetings do you receive the most. Which particular meeting is most likely to achieve the purpose of being glorifying to God and beneficial to everyone? Why?
- 4) Please provide suggestions that can practically improve the quality of one of the following meetings: 1) Prayer Meeting, 2) Small Group Meeting, 3) Sunday Service.