GLCAC Sunday school – Fall 2013 Spiritual Discipline and Servant Leadership

Session 1 The meaning of being a Jesus' disciple and leader (Overview)

What is church? (refer to introduction of this Sunday school class 主日学简介)

Scripture reading: Roman 8:26-39

Disciples:

- God's election and calling (Roman 8:29)
- God's eternal plan for disciples is to ensure that we are becoming Christ-like (1 John 3:2)
- Jesus' offer for helping us to lead a holy life, not by our own capacity or capability:
 - o Take His yoke and follow Him (Matthew 11:29)
 - o Deny oneself and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23)

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1:13-23

- What is spiritual discipline? those personal and corporate disciplines that promote spiritual growth.
- Why is it important (1 Peter 1:15-16)?
- Purpose: godliness (1 Tim 4:7-8) Not about the external behaviors (Colossians 2:20-23)
- Growth in holiness is a gift from God (John 7:17; 1 The 5:23; Heb 2:11)
- The fruit of spiritual discipline (2 Peter 1:6-8)
- Our part seeking communion with Christ

Persevering in the practice of the spiritual discipline by:

- The Holy Spirit
- The fellowship
- The struggle (difference between perseverance and resilience)
 Examples: The rich ruler [Luke 18:27] vs. Zacchaeus, the Tax collector [Luke 19:1-10]

主日学简介

我们这个主日学,是在神话语的基础上来学习如何做主耶稣基督的门徒,以及在教会里诸多事工的管理上面,我们如何可以彼此配搭得宜。

那么教会的基本概念是如何呢?其实教会是所有信徒的一个集合,在使徒行传第二章 46-47 节提到,「他们天天同心合意,恒切地在殿里,且在家中擘饼,存着欢喜诚实的心用饭,赞美神,得众民的喜爱,主将得救的人天天加给他们。」在这里可以看到门徒们主动"存"欢喜诚实的心,"聚"在一起,"赞美"神,以至于被动的"得到"众民的喜爱,并主将得救的人天天"加给"他们。等过了一阵子之后,在使徒行传第六章三节那里说道,门徒增多,有一些生活上的需要,因此十二使徒叫众门徒来对他们说,要在弟兄的中间,「选出七个有好名声被圣灵充满,智慧充足的人」,派他们管理饭食的事情。

所以教会里边原来是门徒们的聚集,当事情多了需要有组织,这样才从弟兄姐妹的中间,选择出来有好名声,被圣灵充满,而且是敬畏神的人,如箴言所言,敬畏神是智慧的开端。这些服侍教会的领袖,是由管理饭食开始。在教会里的服侍,无论在何岗位,都是在主里的见证。司提反就是第一位被拣选的执事,他大有信心,圣灵充满,之后,是第一个殉道的弟兄而且看到天开了及神的荣耀!

因此,我们这一个主日学的课程就是纵横于耶稣门徒的属灵节制与教会管理上的耶稣的仆人领导模范的探讨。我们在主里的学习,是可以应用在我们日常生活工作中,也因此,主鼓励祂的门徒作世上的光及盐!