

More on SLE Church's Values

All this business about Vision and Values that we are undertaking at SLE Church at the moment is not something that either Pastor Ben or myself have ever really been trained in. So we want to thank everyone for their support, patience, and feedback as we have walked (and sometimes stumbled a little) through this process. We would not be leading in this way if we didn't strongly believe that this was going to be of great value to our church.

One question that I received on Sunday, as we explored the different values of our church, was this, 'Why are these 10 values in particular core values in our church?' Great question.

The first part of the answer is that a number of those values are direct core values of any biblical church who have understood and are seeking to apply God's mission (which could be summarised as such: to glorify God by being and making disciples). So on the list that we explored last weekend were a series of values that should be shared by all biblically mission minded churches: 1) gospel-centred expository preaching; 2) prayerful dependence on God; 3) making and maturing disciples of Jesus; 4) gospel driven unity; 5) raising and equipping future leaders of the church; 6) personal evangelism; 7) global evangelism (i.e. raising and sending missionaries); and 8) hospitality. There are a number of other values for each biblical church but these were the ones I chose to cover because they are the bigger priorities.

And again, while these values may seem a little obvious, we should be encouraged to remember that not all churches assume these values.

The final two values that I covered were particularly unique to SLE Church. They are Generational Ministry and International Student Ministry.

Generational Ministry has long been a feature of our church for decades. While that means we do need to work hard at attending and participating in inter-generational ministries, we value the smaller communities, within our larger community, for fellowship, friendship, and prayer support. This makes up a core value as it's something that we are keen to keep pursuing as a church together.

International Student Ministry is also a core value of our church for a number of reasons. First the ministry is geared in a way to make it a valuable 'sending ministry' in line with, and an extension of, our core value of overseas mission. Over the past 9 years we have discipled students and mentored future leaders to serve in local churches back home. Second, it is a ministry that God is obviously blessing not only in growth in number but also in sustained growth of maturity within the students. We praise God for the way in which he has brought this about, and pray that we'll continue to value this ministry and the efforts that are poured into it.

So where to from here? That's all part of the discussion that Pastor Ben will lead us through today.



29 April 2018 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: MVV #3—Towards A Vision

The mission of SLE Church is God-given—we are to glory Him by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ. The values of SLE are shaped by both key biblical principles and distinctive elements that make SLE Church who we are. The vision is what we think God wants us to become in the next few years.

In this final sermon of our MVV series, we will see why having a vision will help us have clarity, effectiveness and accountability. We can all be involved in this process through prayer and partnership.



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing O Church Arise
Undivided
Facing A Task Unfinished

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
Romans 15:14-25
Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Sermon By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response Servant of the Gospel

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,291.62
Weekly Required	\$5,544.00
Shortfall 2018	\$1,645.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
A/C No:	396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR GIVING US A MISSION AND VALUES! Praise God that we have in scripture a clear word from Jesus and the Apostles on what is the purpose and mission of His church. Praise God that we also have in scripture words to help us shape and mould our values.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CONVICTED TO BE ON MISSION, AND THAT THE BIBLE WOULD SHAPE OUR VALUES. Ask God to help us be renewed in our convictions and values, and that they would reflect His earnest desires for His church.

PRAY FOR GUIDANCE ON OUR CHURCH'S VISION. Ask God to give our church and council wisdom in knowing how to apply His mission and our values towards a faithful vision. Pray that we would be united and supportive of this vision in the church, our fellowship groups, our families, and our lives.

PRAY FOR SUNDAY YF'S RETREAT. Pray for an edifying and encouraging time exploring God's Word, praying and fellowshiping together.

PRAY FOR CLAY'S OUTREACH EVENT. Pray for the non-Christians invited as they hear from the Bible about the identity of Jesus and why that matters more than anything else in life. Pray that Pastor Steven would be clear and winsome in presenting the gospel and answering follow-up questions. Pray for the event to run smoothly—and that the rain would be held off!

Community News

REMINDER RE PARKING AROUND CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

Please be mindful of the following when parking around church on Sundays, so that by our action, we can serve and love our neighbours, both in and out of church:

- by not stopping along the no parking zone on the white striped lines along the front of the church premise
- By using the 2 carpark spaces in front of the church only as drop off and pick up zones on Sunday mornings
- By not parking along yellow lines
- By parking so as not to obstruct driveways

By leaving Ryans Road Street parking for the elderly and the Armadale Street parking for parents with Sunday

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Bryan	Mervin
Preach	Ps Ben	Gabe
Bible Read	Jansen <i>Marilyn</i>	Boon Cheng <i>Jessica</i>
M.Tea	Winnie Tao Stella	YF Fri/Sat YF Fri/Sat
Wash Up	YF Fri/Sat	YF Fri/Sat
Welcome	Richard Georgie Esther <i>Zach</i> <i>David</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>	Philip Mee Lan Meng Yin <i>Wei-En</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Andrew</i>
Stewards	Graham Richard <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Stanley</i>	TBA TBA <i>DT</i> <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i>
Piano	Sylvia	Sylvia
Guitar	Ryan	Dom
Bass	Ethan	
Drums	Ivan	Marcus
Vocal	Sarah	
PA	Reuten <i>Matt</i>	William <i>Chris</i>

MVV#3 – Towards a VISION

1. Introduction

A. What this sermon isn't/is

B. Recap: MISSION and VALUES

2. What is VISION?

“What does God want SLE Church to become in the next 3-5 years?”

Mission sets the _____

Values _____ how we do the mission

Vision sets out the _____ within a _____

3. Why do we need a VISION?

A. Going well so far...

B. Biblical basis for vision forming

The God who plans and executes

Jesus' 3-year 'ministry plan'

Paul's 'vision'

Wisdom and planning

C. Wise and practical reasons for vision setting

i. Clarity

ii. Effectiveness

Unites the church

Aspirational

iii. Accountability

4. Where to from here?

A. Pray

B. Partner