ISM Church
International Student Mission Church

I can do everything through him who gives me strength (Phil 4:13)

■ Church Mission Goals

Create opportunities to share the Gospel with international students and immigrants from various countries helping them begin their journey of faith and introducing them to Christ. Establish a business mission center to support missionary work among the Uyghur people in Xinjiang, China.

■ Mission Targets

International students and immigrants in Korea and the United States & Uyghur people in Xinjiang, China.

■ Mission Methods

1. Support for Students

Provide practical assistance for daily life and settlement, such as immigration advice, transportation, housing, and job information. Use social media platforms (WeChat, Facebook, Instagram, online communities) to create points of connection and fellowship.

2. Direct Ministry & Fellowship

- We share the Gospel and engage in direct interaction through weekly Sunday worship services and center meetings.
- Social events with meals tailored to young adults (pizza, chicken, ramen, salad, etc.)
- Academic support: homework assistance, thesis editing, legal guidance, part-time job support, and other life resources
- Christian movie screenings with quizzes and prizes (daily necessities) Special
- events: medical consultations, hobby classes, Christian-themed trips, etc.
- Small group meetings to promote spiritual growth

3. Uyghur Ministry in Urumqi, China

Establish a language education business center and conduct educational programs as a bridge for missionary work among the Uyghur people

■ Discipleship Methods

Train student leaders in each country with the Gospel, enabling them to become missi onaries for CMB. Discipleship is delegated to trained leaders using a 1:1 mentoring system.

■ Church Organization

Online Missionaries: Social media promotion
Offline Missionaries: Distribution of printed materials and personal evangelism
Weekday Counselors: Rotational schedule
Saturday Meeting & Party Coordinators / Discipleship Coordinators
Sunday Worship Leaders: Praise leaders, preachers, and discipleship coordinators

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ISM Church Sunday Praise & Worship

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● 매주 일요일 I Every Sunday

AM 11:00 KOR I PM 10:00 US I Live Worship

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내게 능력 주시는 자 안에서
내가 모든 것을 할 수 있느니라 (필립 4:13)

Praise & Worship — 11:00 AM

1. Praise & Prayer	A Time of Prayer & Praise	All Together
2. Scripture of the Day	**I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15**	All Together
3. Devotional Sharing 1		HS Jang
4. Devotional Sharing 2	A Time for Sharing Reflections & Prayer	All Together
5. Prayer & Praise	A Time of Prayer & Praise	All Together
6. Church Announcements	Notice & News	Sung Jang
7. Closing Prayer	Summary of Sharing & Closing Prayer	HS Jang

8. The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

● Bible Sharing Summary (Aug 2, 2026)



Pastor HS Jang

From Obedient Children to Friends of God
"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15
As we walk through our journey of faith, there is a question that many of us ask at some point:
"Did I choose to believe in God, or did God choose me first?"
This is not merely a question of curiosity. It is a profound theological question that has been discussed throughout the history of Christianity. The Reformed tradition emphasizes the absolute sovereignty and grace of God, confessing that God chose us before the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1:4 says:
"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world..."
On the other hand, the Arminian tradition emphasizes that God extends His grace to all people and that human beings have the responsibility to respond to God through faith. However, these two perspectives are not speaking about two different Gods. They are looking at the same God from different perspectives. Just as two people standing on opposite sides of a mountain may describe the scenery differently while looking at the same mountain, these traditions emphasize different aspects of the same divine truth.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 1:4: *"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world..."* Here, the most important word is not simply "predestination," but **love**. God did not love us because we were good. He did not choose us because we prayed well or because we deserved His favor. Before we were born, before we failed, even before we knew God, He already had a plan of love and salvation for us. Therefore, predestination is not a cold doctrine of fate. It is the warmest declaration of God's eternal love. A child does not choose his or her parents. The parents love the child first. Before the child cries, the parent reaches out and holds the child. Before the child becomes hungry, the parent prepares food. Before the child falls, the parent extends a hand to protect. This is the grace of God. Before we ever reached out to God, God reached out to us.
The Apostle John says: *"We love because He first loved us."* (1 John 4:19)

Then we must ask: "If God has already determined everything, why does Scripture continually tell us to repent, believe, and obey?"
This is where Arminius raised an important question. Throughout Scripture, God calls people to respond. Moses said:
"I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life..." (Deuteronomy 30:19)
Joshua declared: *"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."* (Joshua 24:15)
Jesus said: *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door..."* (Revelation 3:20)
God does not break down the door and force His way in. Because love cannot be forced.

The relationship between parents and children helps us understand this truth. A newborn baby does not understand his or her parents. The child does not know why the mother stays awake through the night. The child does not understand why the father sacrifices and works so hard. The child simply receives love. In the beginning of our faith journey, we are often like that.
We receive God's love and learn to obey His Word. But as the child grows, something changes. One day, the child sees the father's worn hands. The child notices the mother's gray hair. The child understands the tears and sacrifices made for him or her.
Then the child says: "Mom and Dad, thank you. I love you."
At that moment, the child is no longer only someone who receives love, but someone who gives love. Faith grows in the same way.
At first, much of our prayer may be: "God, please help me." But mature faith begins to ask: "God, how can I please You?"

Jesus gave His disciples an incredible promise: *"I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends."*
A servant simply follows commands. But a friend knows the heart of another. If God only wanted beings who simply followed commands, He could have created us that way. But God created humanity in His own image.
Genesis 1:27 says: *"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them."* Being created in God's image means that we were created for relationship with Him. We were created to know God's heart, to communicate with Him, and to respond to His love.

Today, we live in an age where we communicate with artificial intelligence. AI can provide impressive answers. It can generate words and respond intelligently. But an answer is not the same as love. AI can produce the words: *"I love you,"* but it does not experience joy, gratitude, sacrifice, or devotion as a person does. God did not create humanity to be like a programmed machine. God desires children who understand His grace and willingly respond with love. Therefore, both God's sovereign grace and human response must ultimately be understood within the relationship of love.

The Bible presents two truths that are difficult for us to fully comprehend. The first is the absolute sovereignty of God. The second is the responsibility and response of human beings. Philippians 2:12–13 beautifully presents these truths together: *"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling."* And then: *"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."*
Here we see two realities. Verse 12 speaks about our responsibility: "Obey." "Work out your salvation." "Live by faith." But verse 13 reminds us: "It is God who works in you." Our faith, our obedience, and our transformation ultimately happen through God's grace.
It is like a tree. A farmer plants the seed. The farmer waters it. The farmer removes the weeds. But the farmer cannot create life.
Life comes from God. Yet this does not mean the farmer does nothing. The farmer faithfully cares for the seed. In the same way:
God works, and we obey. God calls, and we respond. God loves, and we answer with love.

A beautiful example of this truth is John Newton, the writer of the hymn **"Amazing Grace."** In his younger years, Newton lived far from God. He participated in the slave trade and pursued his own interests while others suffered. How could such a person become a servant of God? One day, while he was traveling by ship, a terrible storm struck. The ship was in danger of sinking.
In fear and desperation, Newton cried out to God: "Lord, save me." That moment became the beginning of his faith. However, his first faith was not a deep theological understanding. It was a desperate cry for survival. It was the faith of a child. But God did not reject that small faith. Over time, Newton began to understand the grace he had received.He did not stop at being thankful that he survived.
He began asking: "Why did God save someone like me?" Eventually, he became a pastor and spent his life proclaiming God's mercy.
His most famous confession was: *"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me."*
His journey reveals something important. At first, he asked God for help. Later, he learned to love God. At first, he received grace.
Later, he became someone who shared grace. At first, he was like a child. But eventually, he became someone who knew the heart of God.
Dear brothers and sisters,
Our journey of faith is a journey of growth.
At first, we are like children receiving God's love.
But we cannot remain there forever. We must grow to understand God's heart, know His will, and participate joyfully in His purpose.
Calvinism reminds us: **"Everything begins with God's grace."**
Arminian theology reminds us: **"We must respond to that grace through faith."**
And Scripture tells us: **"God loved us first, and we live within that love."**
So today, where is our faith?
Are we still living like children who only ask God for blessings?
Or are we becoming mature believers who know God's heart and love Him?
God does not call us to remain servants.
He calls us friends.
May we grow from obedient children into loving children.
May we move from simply receiving God's blessings to knowing and loving God's heart.
And may our lives become a response of gratitude to the amazing grace that first reached out to us.

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