

## **IG 1 VISION - 2026/27**

We desire for IG 1 to be a gospel-focused community, where members are encountering and growing deeper in relationship with Christ. Being rooted in God's love poured into us through Christ by His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-8), we hope that we will take up our cross daily and follow Jesus together, living in a way marked by love, faithfulness, and humility.

### ***Love***

We pray for all of IG 1 to know the love of God in Christ. Such love is this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). This is the love of God that brought us the good news of salvation. We are deserving of death (Romans 3:23, 6:23), yet in love, God withholds the punishment we were due and takes it upon Himself, coming to earth among us and living a perfect life before dying on the cross and resurrecting. This is who our God is, and we believe the truth of the gospel about what Jesus came to do and who He is is the foundation to anything we do as an IG.

Non-believers can attend CCF and enjoy the Christian activities we do, however, we do not fellowship together. The basis of our community is a common-faith in the gospel truth - that by the grace of God, we are saved through Christ's work (Ephesians 2:8-10). Individually, this means for our members to know the gospel, who Jesus Christ is personally, and live out this love as we've been loved. As a fellowship, these truths should encourage us to love others in the same manner, because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). We hope for the applications of knowing Christ's love extends to a community that often preaches the gospel to one another and newcomers and reminds each other of the precious truths and promises we have in Christ. We want to be bold about the gospel and intentional in our conversations through icebreakers, discussion questions, and spiritual check-ins. Lastly, given the importance of being integrated in a Christian community and growing spiritually (Hebrews 10:23-25), we hope to encourage our members to commit themselves (more) fully to a local church, where they can worship God with other brothers and sisters, be (more) intentionally disciplined, and continue witnessing to the world.

### ***Faithfulness***

Our next prayer is that as we continue to grow together, we will become more like Christ in the example of His faithfulness. There are two aspects of such faithfulness we want to emphasize: His persistence in prayer to God the Father and His steadfastness in keeping His promises to us.

First, regarding prayer: looking to the example of Jesus, we observe how He constantly withdraws to solitary places to pray to God the Father (Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, 6:46, Luke 5:16). Jesus models a life of prayer and reliance upon God, and did not ever do anything if it was not the will of the Father (John 5:30, 6:38, 12:49-50; Matthew 26:39). We are commanded to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18), expectantly (Matthew 21:22, James 1:6), persistently (Luke 11:1-12, 18:1-8) and in every situation for His glory and our peace (Philippians 4:6-7). Prayer is not useless or merely an exercise of eloquence. In fact, it is a supernatural communication vital to us. God will glorify Himself through our prayers. If He has given His own Son to us, how much more will He provide what we ask (Romans 8:32)!

Secondly, regarding God's promises to us:

*“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ.”  
1 Corinthians 1:20 NIV*

God is faithful in keeping His Word (Psalm 145:13) yet there are many promises of God declared in Scripture that we often forget. This includes but is not limited to His promises to be with us (Joshua 1:9), to persevere us in faith (Philippians 1:6), to protect us (Psalm 23:4), guide us (Proverbs 3:5-6), answer our prayers (John 14:13-14), to comfort us (2 Corinthians 1:3-5), to forgive us (relationally) (1 John 1:9), to provide (Matthew 6:33, 2 Corinthians 9:8), to give us wisdom (James 1:5), and to give us peace (John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-7).

We hope that IG 1 could remind each other of these promises and spur one another on to live faithfully each day unto the Lord. We envision this looking like holding each other accountable in spiritual disciplines, creating opportunities to share struggles and doubts, and encouraging one another to pursue Christ in every moment. We want to encourage mutual confession, repentance, and ultimately, intercession in prayer. Some practical ways we want to pursue Jesus' model of faithfulness in prayer and hold fast to His faithfulness to us include sharing prayers on a weekly prayer board, reading the Bible together through devotional plans on the YouVersion Bible app, and having (at least) one practical take away from each Bible study and CCF gathering to apply throughout the week. To go further with prayer, we also hope to set aside intentional times of individual and joint prayer during CCF meetings and (continue to) establish rhythms of prayer in our own time.

### ***Humility***

Lastly, we pray for the IG to walk humbly each day with the Lord. Again, looking to Jesus' example in the Bible, we see many demonstrations of His humble service to us. We look to exercise Jesus' servant-hearted attitude of counting others more significant than oneself (Philippians 2:3-4).

Jesus displays this humility all throughout His life: from washing His disciples' feet (John 13:4-15), healing the sick, choosing to come to our sinful world as a man despite being equal with God the Father (Philippians 2:6-8), and his ultimate humbling of Himself on the cross. Jesus' life was characterized by suffering and humility. If our holy and beautiful and blameless saviour humbled Himself to be crushed as a sacrifice for His enemies, how much should we be willing to humble ourselves in service to others!

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”  
Mark 10:45 ESV*

We must pray that our life is fully dedicated to worshipping and glorifying God in all we do. This looks like obedience in our daily life, not only out of duty, but out of love and faith, knowing what our Lord and Saviour has done for us, and acknowledging that all we have has been given to us by God, according to His grace. We hope that IG 1 can grow in surrender and stewardship unto the Lord in every aspect of our lives, including the conversations and interactions we have, how we seek and nurture relationships, how we make decisions, how we pursue academics, how we look at the future, and how we manage our time and resources. Practically, this may look different for each member, but may include prioritizing their schedule to worship and gather with believers and being generous towards others through time and money. We hope to encourage our members to live a life of servitude towards others, because of how

Jesus served us, by connecting them to opportunities to serve within the fellowship, holding them accountable to being committed to a local church, and intentionally discussing how to deny ourselves and follow Jesus each day.

For whoever is reading this vision, we ask to keep these items in prayer: for the IG members, leaders, entirety of CCF, and all God's saints to live a life of love, faithfulness, and humility, following Christ's perfect example. Please pray for continuous sanctification, provision, and a soft heart that is sensitive to the convictions and leading of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the gospel to be proclaimed boldly and lived out among us believers, and that non-believers' hearts would be softened to receive the grace of God in Christ. Ultimately, please pray for God's will to be done!

All glory be to God alone,  
Nathanyel & Rachel