IG7 VISION

1 Fellowship

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:16-17

Having Fellowship with each other means being intentional about building relationships with each other that centre around Christ – that we can experience life together with the purpose of glorifying God! Therefore, to facilitate a place of fellowship, we hope that IG7 can be a place where people feel safe sharing and being vulnerable, being open about their faith, and where people can be honest about who they are.

What we (your leaders), will do to help facilitate this:

- 1. Host study sessions, go to the beach, cook for you (Jeff has a killer salmon tartar), or possible prayer walks/hikes where we can spend time with God and each other.
- 2. Take the initiative to share and be vulnerable with you all and to build relationships that go beyond the surface.
- 3. Check in on you and keep you in our prayers.

2 Not being complacent

"He went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God."

Luke 6:12

Like any relationship, to have a relationship with God we must spend time with Him. Whether this is through prayer, spending time reading the Bible, or just noticing God working in your life, as Christians, we ultimately strive to build a relationship with our wonderful Creator who loves us more than anyone does. As an IG, we hope that we can encourage each other to grow in our relationship with God and encourage doing spiritual disciplines!

What we (your leaders), will do to help facilitate this:

- 1. Praying with you and all together (let's pray more!)
- 2. Diving deeper into the Word outside of Bible Studies (if we have time!)

3 Bearing Fruit

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Colossians 3:1-4

"A new life in Christ" is not merely a nudge away from the secular, nor is it some self-help philosophy that ought to be adhered to. It entails a sacrosanct transformation that is all-encompassing, and unparalleled in scope. It is insufficient to be inwardly Christian, insofar as people are unable to tell from our actions where we are oriented (hint: towards Him). As Christians, we ought to exemplify a God-first disposition and character, which should manifest through action. The temptations of the world are innumerable – dwelling on Him only on certain days of the week is not enough! The Apostle Paul beseeches us to "walk worthy of the calling with which [we] were called" (Eph. 4:1), and as the elect, our calling is truly Great.

We want to foster an environment where members are not only shown how to engage in Christ-centered living but also encouraged to do so. By living in Him throughout the week, not only can one develop a deeper connection with Him but also bring others towards Him. One way to both remind and motivate is through testimonies or any other form of sharing.