

IG 4 Vision

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Goals

We have three goals for the IG this year:

1. Individual spiritual growth
2. To learn to be doers of the Word
3. To facilitate a spiritual community

Justification

Individual Spiritual Growth

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. **Psalms 1:1-2**

³⁷ Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:37**

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew 20:36-40**

God should be our first and foremost priority as Christians. IG groups last the school year, but spiritual growth is lifelong. We want to equip their individual faith in the limited time we have with IG members. This is also essential for facilitating a spiritual community, since a little yeast leavens the whole lump of dough.

Doers of the Word

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

James 1:22

Facilitating a Spiritual Community

¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15-16

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

¹⁸I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you.

Psalms 35:18

Our faith should be both individual and communal. We want to encourage CCF members to attend fellowship not just to hang out with their friends, but to engage wholeheartedly in a Christ-centered community. A Christian life necessarily involves Christian community.

Implementation

Prayer

We aim to share prayer requests every week. We will also encourage older CCF members to participate and lead by example. As should be for everything else, we will start and end small group sessions with prayer. We hope this can inspire and remind IG members to pray incessantly.

Being Intentional

As IG leaders, members pay attention not just to what we say, but also what we do. When we say “Let’s talk about it over dinner” because we cannot finish a discussion during small group time, we will bring it up afterwards. This is to respect fellow group members, encourage discussion, and demonstrate how we value Scripture.

⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9