

IG 6 Vision

***“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”
(1 John 4:11-12)***

Our vision for IG 6 is centered on creating a communal space that reflects a connection to a personal and intimate God. Our focus on this theme stems from a two-faceted desire within our IG that represents interdependent external and internal aspects. This includes sharing God's love with others and developing individualized relationships with God. With this in mind, we look ahead to a meaningful year of learning, fun, and growth.

A Trusting Community

***“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
(Hebrews 10:24-25)***

Our goal as IG 6 is to bring a variety of people together. We observe unfamiliar faces can be intimidating or lead to a feeling of unwelcomeness. This outlines a potential difficulty in small group settings. Hence, without the familiarity of others, there is a challenge to engage in bible study discussions. Moreover, a lack of welcomeness or belonging may hinder personal growth.

***“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.”
(Ecclesiastes 4:9)***

We feel that a sense of community can help foster familiarity and closeness that allows us to freely share our faith. Community provides an opportunity to journey alongside and support one another. Through creating a loving and trusting sense of community, we hope to lay a foundation for all other activities in our IG.

To create a trusting community, we strive to:

- Emphasize IG dinners
- Arrange activities outside of Friday Meetings, such as:
 - Sharing hobbies
 - Study sessions

- Coffee chats
- Pray over one another
- Encourage people to speak out

Openness – Vulnerability, Eagerness, and Curiosity

***“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
(Galatians 6:2)***

We pray that this community can be a space for sharing with honesty and vulnerability with one another. Such characteristics in a community can help foster connections, create a sense of belonging and space for the work of the Holy Spirit to fill.

***“For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.
They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.”
(Isaiah 58:2)***

In sharing vulnerably and honestly, we hope that feelings of desire, eagerness and curiosity flourish in this community. We strive to encourage one another to attend Friday CCF Bible studies or any other events to create familiarity and opportunity for attendees to be more present.

Methods to become more open as a group:

- Being fully present as leaders
- Forming prayer partners/groups following Bible studies
- Recognizing God and sharing about Him in our daily lives

In these ways, we aim to facilitate personal growth in the Word of God alongside each other.

These verses outline the centrality of love in Christian communities and contexts. Perfect love should drive away the fear of judgment and instead, bring confidence and acceptance. Through what God has done for us, we ought to reflect the love we receive and create lasting bonds within the community. We strive to motivate each other and to dive deeper into our relationship with God.

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” **Acts 4:32-35**

- As believers, we are gifted the great power of Jesus Christ that strengthens us to pour into others
- This unity in faith, allows us to express the love of Jesus by devoting our ‘possessions’ (e.g. helping each other out, notes, time, service)