

IG #6 Vision

We want to create a Christian space where we can experience community, Christian love and affection, and vulnerability and honesty. Our wants are motivated by a deep desire to see spiritual growth in ourselves and in the lives of those around us.

Community - One Body, Different Parts

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many

1 Corinthians 12:12-14(ESV)

Even though we are all different, we are all united by our belief in Jesus and form a community of believers in Christ. We want our IG to be a community because it makes the journey of faith less lonely, exposes us to different ideas and understanding, and makes life happier.

To create community, we can:

- ★ Create a weekly office hour for our IG where we can study together, talk casually, or just chill
- ★ Host a speed-friending session where everyone can meet everyone else for 5 minutes at a time

Christian Love and Affection - Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

[...]You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39(ESV)

The second of the two great commandments given by Jesus was that “You should love your neighbor as yourself”(Matthew 22:39 ESV). We found this commandment fitting for our vision as we would like to express Christian love and affection to each other as leaders and also extend it to our members as well. We would like to take this opportunity to emphasize humanity’s purpose to glorify God and to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth.

To implement christian love and affection within our IG, we would like to take personal initiative to get to know our IG members and our co-leaders:

- ★ We hope to become closer as leaders (Kelvin, Liz and Louis)
 - Get to know each other better prior to first IG meeting to become a ‘well oiled machine’
 - Casual short meeting outside of planning (once a month) to build rapport and to check in with each other

- ★ We hope to become closer to our IG members
 - Reaching out to IG members on a weekly/biweekly basis
 - Through dms
 - Coffee break type meetings with one or more of the leads
 - Invite people to meal prep/cook together
 - Study sessions
 - Do a mutual hobby together (Kelvin likes to knit/crochet, Liz likes to workout, Louis likes to play sports)

Vulnerability & Honesty - Rejoice With Those Who Rejoice

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:29(ESV)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15(ESV)

These verses highlight an important part of Christian community - showing empathy. Empathy allows everyone to receive the love and support that all of us need. However, to have empathy, we need to be vulnerable and honest about our lives. To promote vulnerability and honesty, we (the IG leaders; Kelvin, Liz, & Louis) will take the initiative to be honest and vulnerable to the IG group.

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8(ESV)