

## Freezer 2023-2024 Vision

### What?

*What role do you want the ministry to play in the members' lives and what do you want the ministry to become as a whole?*

We want Freezer to be the place where newcomers and frosh would feel welcomed and encouraged. Without a solid connection to the CCF community, it can oftentimes be hard to find a way into its predefined friendships. Through Freezer, a community of people with the same struggles can meet and form bonds with each other, at the same time slowly integrating them with the larger group. To enhance the experience, we wish to cultivate a non-intimidating environment, that is friendly and fun, but also capable of getting vulnerable and deep. Through our bond, we hope to assure no judgemental or ridicule focused remarks, but an accepting and understanding atmosphere.

With this, we hope people would enjoy our ministry, desire to put the commitment into campus fellowship and meet consistently to recenter our focus on God. We believe the more people invest in CCF, the more they will benefit from it.

As Hebrews 10: 24-25 says: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not 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."*

Likewise, we hope to encourage people to not give up meeting each other in a loving environment.

That very encouragement is what we find important in faith as well. Through Freezer, we want to be that relatable encouragement for newcomers to continue going to church, continue attending bible study, and continue studying the word by themselves. We hope that our push towards faith can motivate people to take it more seriously and develop their own faith themselves. Not only do we present ourselves as role models, but as fellow students who go through the same struggles yet have learned to push on.

### Why?

*What direction is God calling you as leaders and why are you motivated to want to see this?*

During our time in Freezer, we were able to connect with fellow newcomers in a safe and welcoming environment. Though the transition was initially difficult, Freezer helped us to understand that we are not alone in that difficulty. Through numerous workshops and dinners, we were able to feel more a part of the CCF community, and hope to inspire that to the newcomers this coming year.

The transition from high school to university, paired with the potential of moving to a different city is a difficult period, in which it is easy to feel directionless.

According to Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: *"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. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."*

This is especially pertinent for those that do not have a church community yet. We do not want to leave anyone alone without someone to help them up. As freezer leaders, we want to help ease the transition by helping newcomers find a community in Christ. We also hope to provide a comfortable environment for newcomers that are struggling with that transition.

Additionally, with the CCF family's continuous growth, it may be difficult for newcomers to truly feel integrated, or a part of the community. We hope to have Freezer act as a starting point, in which newcomers are able to branch out through different activities to connect with other ministries at CCF. For example, Mens/Womens. We want to provide a smaller environment where members are able to feel truly welcomed and are able to get to know one another on a deeper level.

## **How?**

### *Practical ways to implement the vision*

To exhibit a welcoming atmosphere, we will spend time on icebreakers and introductions much more than the usual ministry. We want to encourage an enjoyable time, so games and activities will be a big part of Freezer. To cultivate an atmosphere of vulnerability, and to dually develop that bond, we will allow for time for deep questions and reflection and sharing.

To transition, sharing testimonies both develops the atmosphere and encourages each other in our faith and our openness to talk about God. As per tradition, we hope to encourage many newcomers to share their testimonies, especially if it is for the first time. Church hopping is a major way we hope to encourage their faith and their connection with a church community. To develop a desire to know God's word more, we will organize topic nights to study his word and to bring in fellow members of the community to share their experiences.

With bringing speakers from the community, we hope to introduce freezers to the rest of CCF. We will also continue this by connecting them to other ministries, such as Men's and Women's as well as bonding activities like dinner with the second years.