



Freezer

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Kristen

As a first year entering university and living in Canada for the first time, I was filled with angst. I worried about the friends I would make, whether I would find a good church and fellowship, and what kinds of communities I would become a part of within the University of Toronto. I've been more than blessed to have found CCF, where I've come to see and experience a genuine sense of love and support extended towards others. In the beginning of the year, the mere size of the fellowship was somewhat intimidating to me as a first year. Freezer ministry was a place that I found my own smaller community within the very large and intimidating CCF. It started off as a place that I could get to know those that were of similar age and experience. However as time passed, it became more than that. Through playing board games together, sharing testimonies, getting food together, and other various activities, Freezer gradually became a close knit group that I could grow with both personally and spiritually.

My hopes for this year, is that Freezer can embody the same level of welcome and comfort that I received as a first year and newcomer to CCF. I hope that freezer can continue to be a ministry that seeks out those who are new to the fellowship and a place where individuals can grow to encourage one another through Christ.

"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."

- Hebrews 10: 24-25

As Christ followers, I believe that we are called to fellowship with one another in love lead by His example. I hope that freezer will be a ministry where individuals learn to serve as a spiritual encouragement towards one another, and embody this same love through fellowship.

Jack

The transition from high school into university is often one of self-rediscovery. Amidst the stress of the competitive learning environment and the vast amounts of newfound freedoms, it is easy to struggle in finding identity. I certainly did, as I came into first year confident in knowing who I was, only to realize that I really had little idea. As a Christian, I was fortunate in having a Christ-centred life as my goal, and more fortunate to have found CCF as a fellowship to help me achieve it. However, CCF being as large a group as it is can be daunting for newcomers to approach. Freezer offers a chance for first



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years to be acquainted with each other and to get integrated into CCF together. Through weekly meetings, Freezer provided for me a temporary escape from my mundane weekly routine filled with lectures, labs, and endless studying. It gave me the opportunity to be part of a group that has helped me find joy in fellowship and see the faith from new perspectives. It is around these principles that I build my vision for this ministry. Relationships formed with peers of the same year offers a unique bond important for spiritual and personal growth in CCF. I aim to contribute to an intimate environment where first years can find the spirit of fellowship in being vulnerable and sharing their lives with the body of Christ. In doing so, I hope others can see the glory in God's work to bring believers of vastly different backgrounds to love one another and worship together. Moreover, I seek to also connect first years with other members and opportunities in CCF, so as to help first years transition into roles in the large group and further the next generation in the fellowship. Ultimately, I hope to help foster bonds for first years that will be cherished and which they may find fruitful to their walk with Christ throughout their years in CCF.