

Large Group Coordinator - Evaine Chan

Years at CCF: 3
Years as a Christian: 7-9
Current Church: Malvern Baptist Church
Home Church: Malvern Baptist Church

Vision Statement

As a fellowship, we are not only able to connect with God, but we are given the chance to also connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Yuqi's vision for the fellowship last year was to "Grow up" together in Christ. Stemming from her vision last year, I want to take UTCCF a step further by focusing on discipline and accountability.

In order to grow in Christ, we need discipline. Discipline is the act of training to behave according to the rules. As Christians, we are to train and build ourselves up to live in accordance with God. UTCCF programs are mainly based on Bible studies. However, discipline is not limited to Bibles studies; it includes memorizing scriptures, prayers, doing daily devotions, etc. But why discipline ourselves?

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 it says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

Athletes have self-discipline and they train themselves in order to get the prize. Likewise, our goal is to get the prize, living a life that pleases God, where He will call us "good and faithful servants". Without discipline, we would not have the motivation to study the Word or memorize scriptures. Without these, we would not be able to discern right from wrong. Therefore, discipline is crucial in our walk with God, as we strive to improve ourselves and become more Christ-like. UTCCF is a great place to practise discipline. We discipline ourselves to attend fellowship every Friday to study the Word together and bond with one another. However, discipline is hard. As humans, we tend to do things that make us happy. We may dislike self-discipline because it forces us to take time out of our daily lives to do things we may not particularly enjoy. This is where accountability comes in.

Accountability is being responsible to someone or for an action. In the context of a fellowship, accountability is evaluating one's relationship with God and to other brothers and sisters. For example, if you are holding someone accountable, you are to evaluate their actions and pull

them back when they stray away from God. However, we don't do this out of selfishness or pride, but an act of love. We need accountability because it is better to endure a struggle with a partner rather than by ourselves.

As it says in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: 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."

UTCCF consists of a large group of brothers and sisters who have a desire to grow together. With so many people in the fellowship, finding someone to keep us accountable is readily available. As a Large Group Coordinator, I want to implement a system of accountability partners within the large group. Large group can be somewhat intimidating, especially for newcomers because of how large the fellowship is. By having accountability partners within large group, we can keep each other accountable and follow up with one another outside of fellowship. We can grow together and encourage each other if we fail to discipline ourselves. We can thus remind each other why the Gospel makes all of what we do as Christians worth it. I see UTCCF becoming a family that holds each other accountable, therefore building each other up as brothers and sisters in Christ.