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### **Vision Statement**

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#### **Vision: Eternity is Now**

*"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. – John 5:24*

A common trope that we find ourselves in is that the promise of Eternal life is something that one experiences after death. However, is that really what our time on Earth comes down to, simply waiting until our bodies wither away into nothing so we can receive this promised life? Is this really the life that God has promised us?

In the Gospels, Jesus is constantly affirming that Eternal life begins with believing in Him and everything He represents and has to offer. Mary and Martha in light of Lazarus' death believed that Jesus would raise him on the last day, to which he replies, *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* – John 11:25-26. Jesus wasn't speaking of a time to come, but right then and now as He raised Lazarus from the grave.

Eternal Life is not a Post Mortem experience. Eternal Life is now. It is my hope that CCF would journey with me to discover how Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are the answer to this as we come to learn how the Gospel is personal and real to us.

#### **It's Personal.**

Then Jesus declared, *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. – John 6:35*

As we've journeyed through the Gospel of John this year, in many chapters Jesus has issued an invitation to us personally to believe in Him. There are many times where Jesus begins to reveal more aspects of who He is to us as characters ask Him who he is; the son of God, bread of life, living water, the Word, Messiah, Savior. We have been exploring all of these themes, but do we really believe these to be true for ourselves? By going through scripture together as a community as well as in solitude with God and deeply reflecting upon our inner voices. I hope CCF can come to see what the promises and the Gospel means to each of personally us as we learn more of our identity through coming to know Christ and

being personal with each other.

### **Make it Real.**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*  
– 2 Corinthians 5:17

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

– Romans 6:8-11

Simply knowing how the Gospel is personal to us and speaks to our fears and desires doesn't have much meaning if we do not act upon it. Just as Jesus was the embodied Word of God who became Flesh, so too must the Word come alive in us. By embracing and living Eternal life, we can be real with our current struggles of where we have yet to let go and also make real the same grace and love God has extended to us to others. As we come to take hold of the life that Jesus has offered us, may others who have yet to know the Gospel see it through our lives as testimony.

### **Practical**

- Implementing Discipleship Groups as well as encouraging discipleship for mutual accountability and greater strides to be more personal across different years within CCF
- Reintroduce Mentorship to CCF and gauge the possibility of long term effectiveness
- Invite challenging and related alumni and speakers for workshops to gain different perspectives
- Provide support for Bible Study groups and other disciplines of His Word
- Actively look for opportunities for CCF to practice their faith in the Campus, allowing for greater exposure to God's work and the work that we're called to.

### **Personal Evaluation**

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#### **1. Name 2 weaknesses that you possess, and please indicate if and how you are addressing each weakness.**

The weaknesses that arise the most in my participation within community are trust and isolation. The two are intricately woven together as it's due to my lack of trust in people, whether it's confidentiality or insecurity that prevents me from finding people in my times of need. Due to betrayed trust in the past I fear that it will happen again so I shut myself from people and I tend to isolate myself as a way of coping with the circumstances I'm facing rather than having faith in my fellow brothers and sisters. While solitude with God is something that Jesus has demonstrated, isolation due to insecurity and fear is not. Through the past years despite my stubbornness (which is both a good and bad quality of mine), God has been showing me the bitterness I hold in my withholding of trust and the many opportunities I have missed of letting myself being loved and supported by the community around me as an extension of His love for me. Although, I have failed

many times to rely and to trust upon CCF, God's grace has enabled me to begin taking steps in faith to trust in the community God has blessed me with.

**2. Name 2 strengths that you possess, and please indicate how you believe it will benefit the CCF family.**

As I've mentioned in my weaknesses, a trait I attribute as a strength would be stubbornness although, it could also be called perseverance. Despite the rather turbulent nature of University and the self discovery that happens around it, I don't give up and I'll often harm myself to finish what I've started. Of course, I've learned some moderation over the years but the same persistence to keep pressing on (sometimes for the worse) is something I hope God will use to drive whatever He wishes me to do and spur the fellowship towards him.

I'd like to think I'm a thoughtful person, although others may disagree. Albeit, there are times when emotions do get the best of me, I put a lot of thought into my actions before I take them, often wondering the impacts of my actions and the resulting pros and cons of said actions. In any place in the community, one's actions are not in isolation but effect others and it is through being mindful of the possible repercussions and influence of doing something that I can be more aware of how God is working within the fellowship and how I am to respond.

**3. Critically evaluate your ability to work alongside others and provide an example.**

I feel as if I've summarized this in listing my strengths and weaknesses as these have come out in working with Committee this year. I did struggle to trust committee with a lot of my personal struggles and isolated myself from them as a result, which aren't my only weaknesses but the most salient to my mind. However, we also worked well together as we helped to encourage each other, handle tasks, share the load, and live out the Gospel to each other as circumstance unfolded. There's been a lot of creative problem solving, not only for CCF logistics but also in terms of approaching people and their struggles. Listening and talking are also skills I've had to relearn as listening to other's and their struggles is crucial when working with people, and discovering the correct times to speak and listen seems to be a lifelong endeavour.

**4. Critically evaluate your openness towards receiving criticism and provide an example.**

Nobody loves to be criticized, but I've found the difference to be in how one receives it and what does a person do with it to be the more important questions. There are times when I can be quite defensive towards criticism often to the point of offence, when emotions are brought into the fray, however as I've been constantly humbled by the humility and grace God continues to heap onto me, I've come to see that bickering about a past wrong isn't productive to either person, the fellowship nor God. Listening to their concerns and validating their opinion and looking at what God is

speaking for me to do in responding out of love has been a discipline that I've been trying to adapt out of that grace God has given me and have simply accepted that criticism will always be there. Hopefully, I will be asking how I can use this criticism for the glory of God rather than how can I protect myself as God continues to lead me to further humility.

I find praise is a bit awkward as I struggle to receive it. Whether it's due to my own high standards or the fact that I don't believe I'm the one who deserves the praise almost to the point of self depreciation. The praise should be God's and it is where I will redirect it as He is the source of the blessing that come out of me. Rather than deny the praise altogether, I would rather accept that this person finds something praiseworthy and redirect it to the source. To deny praise altogether is to deny an opportunity to redirect praise to God.