It is our fervent desire that IG 5 serves not only as a microcosm of the larger CCF family, but as a loving group of Christian brothers and sisters, united in their pursuit of Jesus, living demonstratively Christian lives. We hope that our group members can get to know one another better, eventually forming connections which persist beyond their time at CCF and perhaps even beyond university. We aspire to form genuine and meaningful bonds, and that our group time consists of a healthy mix of laughter, love, and sincerity.

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. - Romans 8:11

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6:2

Additionally, we believe that providing a designated Christian space will not only render an environment for profound discussions and Bible studies, but also open, vulnerable sharing. As we go through the school year, we hope that IG 5 members not only grow together, but suffer together as we all learn how to better bear witness in our lives. People naturally draw closer in common suffering; how much more meaningfully when Christians suffer together? By sharing how we struggle, we realize how universal our issues are, and are able to better support one another, as a Christian community should.

IGs enable those of us who wouldn't normally interact a chance to do so, thus encouraging an overall closer CCF community. We aim to provide spiritual support, always listening, mediating discussions, organizing hangouts and IG sessions, even offering advice or insight when warranted. But most fundamentally, we aim to befriend everyone within our IG.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

We firmly uphold that God and God alone empowers us to serve. With this in mind, let us act graciously and kindly towards one another, recalling God's grace and love for us.

In practicality, we will regularly organize bonding time - through casual hangouts, mini-road trips, sports, or prescribed IG times. As IG leaders, we seek to challenge our IG members, encouraging them to step out of their comfort zones. We will set aside a time every IG meeting to pray for one another; such sharing will enable members to familiarize and empathize with every other IG member.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. - 2 Corinthians 13:14

Let us all eagerly participate in this journey together, never neglecting the grace and love which rescued and enabled us to do so, as we discover what it means to truly bear witness in our lives.

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