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### Leading with Impact! A Revamped Small Groups Leaders' Development Course

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Since 2021, a team has been formed to review the content and format of the Small Groups Leaders' Training and see where and how to add value to our group leaders' development. Feedback received from the dialogue sessions and the focus group discussions conducted by the Small Groups Committee were taken into consideration.

Leading with Impact! was born and it is a program composed of two half-day sessions held over two Saturdays (13 and 20 May) and two Sundays (21 and 28 May). This course is designed for all group leaders (GL), potential leaders, and any member assisting the GL.

The objective is to create a space that is conducive for learning and a safe environment for sharing and encouragement among the leaders. Format is focused on adult-learning and is workshop-based, with a balance of lecture-style learning, interaction time, and activities that will stimulate learning and growth. Content was revamped with relevant and practical topics that aim to provide handles for leaders to lead with confidence and impact.

Topics covered included Ps Reuben's leadership journey and the heart of being a leader, a challenge-support matrix, Johari's Window, reflecting and sharing how their crucible life events moulded them to become the person and leader they are, the importance of knowing their "why" as a leader, and how to lead with empathy. Participants expressed overall positive feedback regarding the training format, pacing, and relevance of the materials. They appreciated the interactive and engaging nature of the training and found value in understanding the spiritual aspect of leadership, empathetic listening, and knowing their "why" as leaders.

They mentioned the desire to apply empathetic listening and learning how to create a balance between support and challenge within their small groups using the framework learnt. They also emphasized the importance of clarifying their own "why" as leaders.



"Understanding the overall dynamic of our groups and how to ensure that our group grows was helpful. We also learnt about the different quadrants in our lives and how to facilitate spiritual growth in each other to allow for self-discovery individually or collectively."

"Good balance between what leadership looks like from the biblical perspective & also practical skills that we can apply."

"The training provided the leaders with skills that are useful to lead the LG."

"I've learnt a lot of new insights into how to navigate my leadership as a small group leader such as the frameworks shared."

### LIFE GROUPS

Life in Christ, Life Together

### Small Groups name change to Life Groups

We are simplifying the small group structures so there is clarity on roles and responsibilities to support the small group ministry. Together, we do life which means we grow, love and serve one another, have a greater sense of belonging and transform lives and change the world. With the name change, the Life Group ministry has also come up with a catchy slogan - Life Groups. Life in Christ. Life Together



Discipleship & Nurture collaborated with Family Life to run Love Languages workshops to support our focus on loving people genuinely. When we love someone genuinely, we need to do it in such a way that the person feels loved. With awareness of love languages, we can do better at loving others. Since the Small Group is where we learn to grow more like Christ together, we hope that it will help members of small groups to love each other in a meaningful way. At work, when we love others in their language, we bring the presence of God to them.

Imagine that all of us have a love tank. People can only help us fill up our tanks if they know our love language. Speaker Alison Ang came up with practical steps for participants to practice in their daily lives.

One of the steps is the 6-minute prayer with our families. This helps to cultivate a culture of blessings in our families as we spend intimate time together to build each other up for God's kingdom.

Do join our upcoming Love Languages Workshops to learn more about Loving People Genuinely!

I think such courses are good, especially because our church direction is "Love People Genuinely", so courses like these help members learn to apply love in their daily lives.

Kok Seng & Laura



Scan for upcoming workshops

# Corporate House of Prayer & Praise

Corporate House of Prayer and Praise was held on 31 May, 14 June, and 28 June, where we came together to pray and praise the Lord.

On June 14, we did a prayer walk and small groups headed to designated areas to pray for the people there. Many of the members had an enriching and reflective time together through the strength of many prayers.

As July is Missions Month, the congregation came together to pray for missions workers in our overseas and local fields as well as the beneficiaries we are reaching out to for their safety, and for their hearts to open up to the Gospel.







For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

## Happy Mother's & Father's Day!

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Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

To celebrate and appreciate our parents, we gave out these beautiful calligraphy and floral postcards to the congregation. Children had the chance to give a handwritten note of thanks and appreciation to their parents. Worshippers also wrote their blessings to their spiritual parents who had guided them in their journey with Christ.

We also held a Mother's Day Blessings Online contest over socials where some shared precious stories of their mothers! We share one of the winning posts here with you!

Hi mommy,

But Good shows

nis nelforus

Thank you so much for raising me to be the woman and mom that I am right now. Motherhood was super tough with kor kor and me, I know. But you made it through! HAPPY MOTHER DAY, my lovely mother. As always, I love you with my whole heart. May the lord grant u with his

> By XINWEI Read more of the blessings @faithmcsg's Instagram

grace and peace. Amen.

# KARANA KA

### **Maundy Thursday**

On this day, we had a Joint Service with QCMC where we reflected the betrayal Jesus experienced on the day of the last supper. As a body of Christ, we congregated with The Great Thanskgiving, the Holy Communion, the stripping of the Altar Area as we depart in silence.





### **Good Friday**

On Good Friday, Rev Ho Chee Sin preached his sermon titled "Honouring the Lord" as we observed it as a day of sorrow and penance, honouring Jesus who died for our sins. "FOR SINCE DEATH CAME THROUGH A MAN, THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD COMES ALSO THROUGH A MAN."





### Resurrection Sunday ——

Resurrection Sunday marks the day Jesus resurrected after his crucifixion. Rev Dr Edwin Wong spoke about John 3:1-17, with his sermon titled "Love Actually" and we were graced with performances from our Genesis Dancers and Traditional Choir. At the end of the service, hot cross buns were given out to everyone to signify this important day.

The significance of hot cross buns lies in the symbolic cross decorated on the top of the buns,

marks the cross

HE IS NOT HERE,
HE HAS HERE,
HE HAS HERE,
HE HAS HERE,



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Heritage Walk: Parliament House

> Heritage Walk: Supreme Court



Our Faith Seniors embarked on a Singapore Heritage Tour where they learnt more about Singapore and explored exclusive places like our Supreme Court together!

They also went on a retreat in Johor Bahru, Malaysia in May 2023 where they did team bonding activities, prayed together and spent quality time exploring places. We share some of these moments with you!



What made the trip special for me was though there were pockets of strangers, the koinonia of believers was genuine we are one in the Spirit. There was no jostling for the best view nor jumping queues to get to the front and everyone was mindful of slower members of the group. It was a memorable morning for me.

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Mdm Leo Wee Lin



# Young Adults (YA) As the Father has Retreat

loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. - John 15:9

With the theme "Genuinely Loved", the young adults in Faith embarked on a retreat, forging new friendships through games, sermon messages and encountering God deeply and learning His Word. Hear from our young adults, Sara and Bill on their reflections for this retreat.

On the last day of the retreat, a part of Samuel's sharing touched my heart and spoke to me. He shared about a patient he had met who was receiving palliative care and was approaching the end of his life. As Samuel interacted with the patient, he said that he was filled with so much love for this person.

It reminds me how all of us are uniquely made by God, and I reflected on how I had negative thoughts toward people



who were difficult to love. I pray that everyday, as I interact with different people, God helps me to love the people around me just because they too are God's beloved.

Sarah, 22

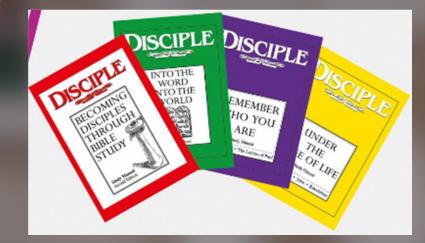
The message about how God's love was independent of us being "worthy" or "worth it" was a deeply moving revelation for me. Just the idea that being in a relationship with God was not defined by what we did for Him or what we did against Him, but by who He is and how His love and grace overwhelm all of it. That Jesus so desperately desires to usher us into a relationship with God the Father exactly like He has; to know and be fully known, always abiding in sweet communion with one another. When I heard that message, an image appeared to me of these sharp broken shards scattered all over, then these gentle hands gathering them up and holding them close in spite of how it cut the hands. It was an appeal to come home, a deep assurance that I was loved in spite of what I had done and what I would do. His love and mercy would pick up my sharp cutting pieces, hold me close and restore me to His purposes in His time. I could not and did not need to love Him on my effort, it was His love and the Holy Spirit that would convict me to love Him.

Bill, 27

Disciple Class

Every Christian is called to be a disciple. But what does it mean to be a true disciple of Christ? Our Lord Jesus said "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed" (John 8:31).

The DISCIPLE course guides us to submit ourselves to examination by Scripture, to put ourselves under the power of God's Word and be changed by God's Word.



There are four levels in the DISCIPLE course spanning four years. They are distinctive and enriching by themselves but DISCIPLE 1 to 4 are also integrated to cover the breadth and depth of the Bible.



The combination of the structure and design of the material, excellent facilitators, and the diverse participants, makes Disciple a class that is unique and unlike any other Bible class that is offered and I have walked away blessed, changed, and transformed in ways I could not imagine!

Elwyn Lee

Throughout this entire journey, I found the class to be intellectually and spiritually nourishing. At the heart of it, I was reminded of a simple truth, that Jesus loves us unconditionally and it is unchanging.





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