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Life Groups: God's Glory for the Greater Good





"Join a Life Group, it'll be fun," they said. Little did I know that it is one of the best decisions I have made during my

Quarter-life crisis aside, being a young adult in your twenties is probably the time where you learn to make more and more decisions for yourselves. From

deciding on your post-graduation career to choosing your own church to settle in; if you choose to leave your cozy nest for work, like me. Like everyone else, I have had to visit a few churches before settling into FBC. So if you are still visiting as well, feel free to reach out to any of the church members; they will be more than happy to guide you further.



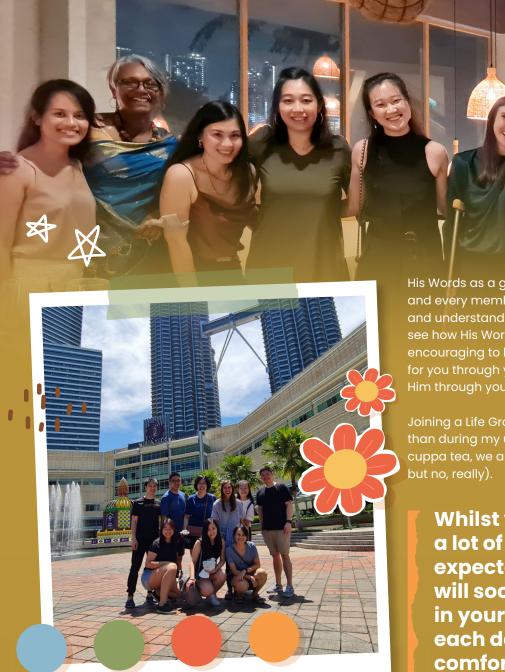
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His Words as a group. The different background of each and every member brings about different perspectives and understanding of His Words and it is fascinating to see how His Words touches us differently. It is also very encouraging to know there you have someone praying for you through your struggles and share your praises to Him through your joy.

Joining a Life Group at this phase of life is indeed different than during my university days; where instead of a hot cuppa tea, we are now into wine instead (just kidding; but no, really).

Whilst you will definitely get a lot of spiritual support as expected of a life group, you will soon find yourself growing in your faith more and more each day and be more comfortable in asking questions, in order to know more about Him.

Your Life Group members, of different walks of life, will be there for you to discuss your questions with you, as well as offer different advice to help you face the different challenges that you meet. And of course, as part of GG, you will be able to improve your physical and mental strength. Want to know how? Do reach out to us and join us on a Friday night!

My first FBC Sunday Service was during the MCO era when services are done online only. For me, it is a plus as I get to "meet" fellow church go-ers via Zoom with everyone having their names written on the screen (as remembering names is not my strong point). After joining a few services, the QR code that appeared during the service called me to action; it is time to properly settle into the church and join a Life Group. Upon filling up the form, I was contacted by brother David Ng and was given contact numbers to relevant life group members, from which I began my life group hopping and eventually settled with GG.

Since then, I started on a more solid path in my walk with Him. The weekly Life Group meetings serve as a more intimate platform for Bible study as we dive deeper into



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# Devotion on Psalm 79 by the Youth

#### Scripture

#### Psalm 79:5.8

- 5 How long, Lord? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?
- 8 Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

#### **Observation:**

Verse 5: God is a God of justice and wrath. "How long, Lord will you be angry forever?" showed that it was a question of how long will this suffering last, not why did the suffering happen. But the good news we know is that God's wrath does not last forever, in fact, from judgment, there will be restoration.

Verse 8: God is a God of mercy. Throughout the whole Bible, we understand that all of us are made of sin and: (v8- for we are in desperate need). Even in this text, the Psalmist brings up his confession of sin to God's name (v9- for the glory of your name), because the Psalmist knew that whatever man-made atonement there was, only God can provide a greater atonement.

#### **Application:**

- It seems that the past year has been nothing but a roller coaster ride. During the earlier months of lockdown we were like: "Hehe nice lah, can work from home.", now we are sick and tired of it.
- We may ask God: "How long more?" "When will this suffering end?". For that right, we have to wait in faith. Just like the Psalmist, we remember that God is a merciful God and that at the end of the day, God will fully restore us and the world.

#### **Prayer:**

Dear God, I want to thank You for Your never-failing mercy that has been over me. I pray that I will continue to practice patience and perseverance by waiting in Your timing, and know that You are planning a great restoration plan for the world. AMEN.



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## **Prayer**Spotlight

### **Prayer**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(The book of Common Prayer, the Collect for Christmas Day)

