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Safe and loved in Saujana Life Group



by the specific person assigned to lead

that particular LG session. Our Life Group is led by Elder Yew Lum, Elder Arnold Lim, and Donald Cheah. Attending Life Group is a truly transformative and enrichina experience for me as it deepens my understanding of the Bible, spiritual



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growth, and faith. At Saujana Life Group, our meetings provide a safe place for people to have the courage to speak of their struggles and share their inner feelings and thoughts, ask probing questions, and also build meaningful connections with others who share similar beliefs and values.

For me, the essence of Life Group lies in its focus on exploring in greater detail and definition of what the Scripture says in a supportive environment. We dwell on the topic of discussion with the presence of God and the unique opportunity to listen and discover each other's pains and gains through our individual walk with Christ. Doing things in a group also allows for different perspectives and insights to be shared, and we can then learn together the accurate interpretation of a given Bible passage. This can lead to a deeper understanding of God's word and we can then learn to

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improve ourselves one way or another as we apply it in our daily lives. At Saujana Life Group, we also take the initiative to conduct activities such as makan-makan, family birthday gatherings, CNY luncheons, BBQs, and other outdoor adventures like hiking (once in a long while).

Furthermore, the wonderful aspect of attending a Life Group is the love, care, and fellowship that we all share together. It fosters a sense of a close-knit community and camaraderie among all of us. We grow closer and stronger as a "spiritual family" and we always look out for one another in times of need and guidance. We are all from diverse backgrounds and life experiences with a shared goal of spiritual growth. This is absolutely edifying. For me, I have personally grown in terms of spiritual understanding and transformation growth in my behavior and character based on Biblical principles. Overall, I have gained tremendous insights into how I apply spiritual faith in various situations I encounter on a daily basis. Every day is a learning curve for me in my journey to walk closer to God. I have to admit that I struggle as well, especially in the recent topic on EPHESIANS where Elder Arnold expounded on Old Self vs New Self and on how fighting sin requires Godly wisdom as opposed to fighting sin without wisdom, which is like having faith without works.



In addition, prayer denotes an integral part of our Life Group as well. We learn to say our prayers in a group setting hence, we pray for one another and we give thanks. The effect of each prayer is significant because it promotes assurance, and confidence, and provides participation in cheering each other on. Our prayer is held at the beginning (opening prayer) and at the end (closing prayer) of each session in our Life Group. The feeling of peace and comfort begin to surge in our bodies as we internalize that the power of Christ is in us and whatever we do in our lives, we go by the strength of God.

I am grateful and appreciative that my Life Group is very enriching in substance and knowledge by steering our doubts and uncertainties to achieve a clear understanding of the scriptures and other biblical aspects. It enables us to connect easier with the Word of God and how it could be applied realistically in the real world. The world is filled with distractions and elements that separate us from God, therefore, there is an urgent need to be involved and participate in an active Life Group where we are able to draw ourselves back to God, and not sway away from our Christian lives. Being in a Life Group makes you feel safe and promotes a sense of belonging.



Here, we are made aware that no one is made perfect but the willingness to repair and repent from our old ways is always a choice, thus, it is never too late. Trust in the Lord.

In a nutshell, it is crucial for each and every one of us to make an effort to select and attend a Life Group regularly, to journey together in strengthening our Christian core and spiritual knowledge. The benefit of attending a Life Group is immeasurable and mind-blowing. The more you participate, the more you will reap spiritually. The other wonderful part of joining a Life Group besides the Biblical knowledge it imparts is the support it provides for one another, and the ability to nourish each other's lives. It is a constant reminder that we must not neglect God who is in our midst.

Thank you.

Have a God-blessed Week, everyone!







Wycliffe Bible Translator

- 1. Jesus Film Projects -Praise God that three language communities have completed the translation for the Jesus Film.
 - Pray for the teams as they work with the community to check the translations, and to do the 'back translation' and for the consultant to check on the recordings.
 - Pray for the right people to be available from the three communities to be 'voice-overs' for the characters in the Jesus Film.
- 2. Kenyah Bible Translation Project
 - Pray for good health, wisdom and strength for the Kenyah translation team as they work on the translation daily.
 - Pray for more people from their community to help with the translation.
- 3. Tamil Storying Project We are planning to start a Tamil Storying project. The objective of this project is to craft and translate at least 40 Bible stories into oral Tamil. These stories will then be shared with churches to be used for Bible study and evangelism. Pray with us as we look for the right personnel to join us and the resources needed for this project.
- 4. Remaining language groups in West Malaysia We have eight remaining language groups which do not know God's Word in their heart language. Pray with us as we wait upon the Lord to lead us and open doors for us to work with the remaining groups in West Malaysia.
- 5. Pray for fruitful visit to FBC by the Kenyah Bible translation team in September.

Prayer for 10 September from NECF 40 Days Fast and Prayer 2023

- Dear Lord, You have told us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Give us the conviction and grace to follow through with Your commands for "only the believer is obedient, and only he who obeys believes." Amen.
- Pray that churches would assume the responsibility for the education of the Orang Asli, and make schooling an attractive prospect for them. Pray also that the Orang Asli children and youths would meet God personally as they study.
- Malaysia was ranked the 12th easiest-to-do business country in the world by the World
 Bank recently. Yet its foreign direct investment dropped from RM17.3 billion in 2021 to RM12.3
 billion in 2022 because of bureaucratic and regulatory issues, a rise in labour costs, and
 political instability. Pray that God would restore the nation's fortunes and that our
 government would execute good strategies to attract foreign investors.