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CATS Lifegroup

Hello FBC fam!

In today's edition, I'll be sharing with you about our life group (LG) called CATS through the lenses of two of my LG members - Genia and Mich Ashwini!

For a quick intro, CATS is a LG that was formed in 2018 and we consist of working adults ages 30 to 45 with one or two exceptions. Hehe. We meet as a big group every alternate week either on a Friday or Saturday evening at Glenmarie or USJ 3. Our usual meets would include the study of the selected material, fellowship, and of course makan ("fei-lo-ship")!



NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

22 December 2024
**Good News for
the Poor**
Isaiah 58:6-10
Preacher
William Ngeow

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Something a little unique to our group is that we have three sub-groups within the big group where we split into smaller groups of 5-6 so we can form closer bonds with each other and I personally feel this method works very well for us! The small groups also rotate to facilitate our studies which we find helpful as the load then doesn't just fall on one person or group.

Without further ado, let's see what Genia and Michelle Ashwini have to share with us today!

1. How long have you been part of the CATS family?

Genia: Almost 2 years now.

Mich A: Since 2018/2019

2. What about CATS that stood out to you when you were looking for an LG?

Genia: The dynamics of the group, vibrant and close-knit group. They also know how to have fun and at the same time are serious about God and mature in their thoughts.

Mich A: The warmth of the group and the genuine people. I've never felt like I didn't belong in the group.



3. How would you describe CATS as an LG?

Genia: I'd say they're a fun bunch and the group is a safe space where I have also learned much from.

Mich A: It's warm, welcoming, and always filled with laughter. CATS is always embracing anyone that comes with an open heart.

4. What does being part of an LG mean to you?

Genia: It gives me a sense of belonging and to know that I have an accountability community.

Mich A: To me, it's a group of people walking through different phases of life together. Being there for one another in the good and bad times.

5. What's something memorable for you that your LG has done together?

Genia: Sitting to have a good meal together!

Mich A: Having everyone come together for a Christmas get-together last year at my place and making the event a joyful one!

6. Was there any incident / event that happened in your LG that really encouraged you?

Genia: wouldn't say there were any incidents, but each session has its encouraging factors whilst we learn, or when we catch up with each other. I've always been skeptical of LGs in general, due to bad experiences in the past, but this is one that has opened a very safe and fun space for me to mature and learn to take God and ministries seriously.

Mich A: I think there's no one particular incident or event to pinpoint but just through each of our meetings and gatherings, I feel encouraged by the way my LG members treat each other. The interactions we have are "real" and don't feel "forced".



7. Have you always attended LG prior to CATS? If yes, since when? If not, why?

Genia: I have, but in different churches since, perhaps, secondary school.

Mich A: On and off in my previous church

8. How important is it for someone to be part of an LG?

Genia: My personal opinion is that it is important. Since a church may be too large, it is important to connect with people of the same faith, to encourage each other to be the salt and light of this world, instead of succumbing to the temptations of this world.

Mich A: I think it is very important. Having your people and just growing together. A family of sorts.

9. How have you grown as a person or in your faith journey since being a part of an LG?

Genia: Having been quite reserved and detached in a church community in recent years, with the help of members in this LG, I was able to open up little by little and even get involved with ministries again, both outside of church and within church, such as Kairos.

Mich A: Being a part of an LG has helped me to draw closer to God and to grow in my walk with Him. I also experience His unconditional love through my LG members in the way they love and serve one another.



10. What would you say to someone who's still unsure about joining a life group?

Genia: There is no rush in joining, you can always visit different ones until you find one that you feel most inclined towards, sometimes it takes time, it took me 3 years to find one! It is your personal journey and growth, therefore, it is your own decision to make.

Mich A: Definitely give joining an LG a try. It's comforting to walk through life together with people

If this sharing has sparked a little curiosity in you about CATS, you're more than welcome to visit and join us for our next meet-up!



By Ivy Mak

Ivy attends CATS Life Group and serves on the Usher team



PrayerSpotlight

Alpha Prayer Request

- Pray that Alpha 27 commencing on Jan 9, 2025 be well attended by both seekers and Christians. That the Lord will gather the seekers to attend and grant them the opportunities to know Him and to seek an ongoing relationship with Him.
- Pray that the believers attending the sessions will renew their relationship with God and be reinvigorated to have a deeper commitment to serve Him and be involved in His kingdom work.
- Thank God for giving the passion to the dedicated team of Helpers to serve Him. Pray that all the Helpers will continue to have hearts of compassion and care for our guests to strengthen the fellowship with our guests.
- Pray that God's Holy Spirit will continue to lead, guide and direct the team to fulfill His plans and purposes. Bless the team with wisdom and patience to journey together with the guests on the road of discipleship.

The background of the poster is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. Several bright, golden-yellow fireworks are exploding in the upper half of the image. At the bottom, there is a black silhouette of a city skyline with various skyscrapers of different heights.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday,
31 December 2024
9.00pm
until past midnight

The background is a vibrant red with a subtle, repeating pattern of small white flowers. A large, thin, golden-yellow circular arc is centered behind the text. Several red lanterns with golden-yellow tassels are hanging from the top. In the bottom left corner, there are large, stylized red and yellow flowers. In the bottom right corner, there are stylized yellow and red clouds. Small golden-yellow floral motifs are scattered throughout the background.

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