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small group CONNECT



BAS-U SMALL GROUP

“Because at the end of the day, that time you ‘sacrifice’ goes toward forging new relationships and building on existing ones, not only with people in church, but with your Creator as you intimately study His Word”
--- Terri

“I didn’t want to join a small group because I felt that it could offer me nothing. Then I realized that it isn’t only about me being at the receiving end, but giving to others as well”
---Joel

"No matter what happens, we are an MSN message, a SMS, a phone call away from one other. Such friendships are priceless and irreplaceable"



"You always have lunch and breakfast kakis! Beat that!"



"Simply knowing that they are there to catch me when I fall, has made me a stronger person"



"It can only be a spiritually healthy thing, to be accountable to each other in our walk with God"



"You'll see for yourself, God's love manifested in the members' love for one other"



"I had to place absolute trust in others, which can be a scary feeling. But after sharing parts of my life with each member, I became increasingly comfortable with small group"

"One is able to discover new things about oneself which one normally would not if not for a small group"



"Small group: it makes Christian life more than just on Sundays. It's Fun, Fulfilling and you make more Friends!"

ELLEN



"It is encouraging to see people open up and share their problems, acknowledging that we are all alike: we are weak and need God and the support of others in our lives"

"I have been distracted, wayward, unfocused, no longer the man I was"



NICKLAUS

VOICES FROM BASIC

“God speaks to me through my interaction with those in the group”



TRICIA



EUGENE

“My small group is exciting; it brings together unique individuals with many thoughts and stories to share”



XIAOXUAN

“It is a great comfort to see people grow from a seed to a sapling, to a tree, with roots entrenched in the Word of God”

“I felt the need to be fed spiritually, so that I could in turn minister to other youths”

“Initially I didn’t want another time commitment, but now I realize it’s important for us to share our problems, concerns and joys”



SAM

“There is genuine care and concern for each other during times of crisis, something which I find heartwarming”



Joel

“The bible isn’t that foreign to me anymore, I actually look forward to reading it!”

“When I share with others, I feel that my words can be a learning experience for the rest”

“I have become less interested in the world and more interested in God’s plans. I take for granted the many blessings God has given me”



HON YUH



VINITHA



SUNITHA

“The time of fellowship, learning and prayer with the group, helps me experience God’s hand in my life”



JAMES

“It’s a joy to see how each individual can now take the lead and care for one other”



CLARA

We started out as a small group 5 years ago, to minister to youths who had just “graduated” from the Youth Ministry in the Word of God, for fruitful Christian living in the world and for God’s ministry.

The group is no longer that young and new people have joined the family. Together, we are now the **BASIC** small group - **Brothers And Sisters In Christ** – consisting mostly of young people in their twenties, male and female. We care deeply about the **BASIC** tenets of our Christian faith by holding fast to God’s Word. We have learnt and are still learning who, what, where, why and how we should worship the living God. As one member so eloquently put it, “*It is easier to snap one arrow than a bundle of arrows; likewise the lone Christian falls away easily but not one who is supported by Brothers And Sisters In Christ.*”

The **BASIC** small group has seen several graduations from tertiary education and National Service, and tiptoes and plunges into the work arena. We’ve been to ballet concerts (yes, even the males) and passing out parades. We’ve walked through tough decisions and hard times with some. We’ve helped out in each other’s final year theses and job applications. We’ve witnessed a wedding. We’ve had to say “goodbye” for a time to brothers and sisters studying or working overseas. Like all families, we’ve also had our small squabbles. But we’re still as fun-loving as when we first started ...

If you are interested in visiting the **BASIC** small group, talk to anyone in the small group or contact Ivan Tan (Tel: 6282 4443 / ivan@tmc.org.sg).

Turn the page to hear the voices of **BASIC!**

ABOUT SMALL GROUP CONNECT

This monthly newsletter is published by the small group committee at Trinity Methodist Church. Its purpose is to share the vibrant small group life of the church with the broader congregation. It will feature one small group per month.