

## A Family Gathering in the East



*District East Small Group*

Every week for the last 15 years, a group of friends have been meeting to study God's word, share each others' burdens and fellowship together.

District East small group started out as a young couples group and has multiplied over time into a one with 9 children!

Even though they meet so regularly, they still enjoy each others' company tremendously and look forward each week to catching up, sharing a meal together, and doing bible study.



*Studying the Gospel of Mark*

The group is currently studying the gospel of Mark. Although one of the challenges in the past has been to find material that meets everyone's needs, they overcome this by trying to use different types of material, and in different forms, such as video studies, attending talks or short courses together.

Members have grown in maturity in the knowledge of Christ and their personal relationship with God, resulting in a greater commitment to reading His word and praying regularly.



Over time, one of the greatest rewards has been to see children in the group accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. This has been an important source of encouragement for the parents in the group. While children can be playful and sometimes distracting, they are never excluded, and remain an integral part of the life of this small group.



*Fellowship over ice cream*

Ice cream is an important component of fellowship time in District East, especially trying new flavours – this will keep even the noisiest child quiet! Ice cream can also motivate adults when they are fighting the temptation not to go to small group.

Strong bonds of friendship have been built over the years. Besides enjoying food as a pastime, a.k.a. “eat, eat, eat”, the group has been on vacations together, church camps, organize church activities together such as the car rally Amazing GRace, and New Year outreach programmes.

There is plenty to thank God for. Leader Choon Huat reflects on “the fellowship, support, prayer, encouragement, shoulder to share burdens and concern for each other. We also give thanks for God’s grace in keeping us going all these 15+ years.”

“We hope that the group will continue to grow and mature in His word, and develop our children spiritually”.



*Trying the new flavour of the week*

### ***ABOUT SMALL GROUP CONNECT...***

This monthly newsletter is published by the small group committee at Trinity Methodist church. It seeks to bring and integrate small groups into the church life of trinity Methodist church. It features one small group per month.

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