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NEWNESS, BIRTH AND STARTING FRESH

Formed this year, it is one of the newest – if not the newest – small groups in TMC. The small group had its first session on 1 May 13. It doesn't even have a name yet! It is temporarily known as Small Group @ Green Lane as it is held at Desmond and Sophia Loh's (photo: first row, left) apartment at Green Lane.

It all began when Desmond and Sophia heeded God's call to start a small group and everything fell into place. The group was formed in a very organic manner through a series of divine encounters. Each member has his or her own unique story to tell about how they eventually ended up in the small group. *(You'll have to join the small group to find out!)*

YOUTH

With the exception of the small group leaders, Desmond and Sophia, who are in their 30s, the group comprises members who are mostly in their 20s.

Spring, summer, autumn or winter - whatever season in life you may be in, we welcome YOU to walk with us.

HARVEST

Spiritual Food

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" Ephesians 3:17-19

With Ephesians 3:17-19 serving as the group's central verses, the group seeks to discover God's love, to love one another and to bring others into the knowledge of the saving grace of God.

Members are reminded to "Stay Humble, Stay Hungry", to participate in each session with an open heart (Humble) and to come Hungry for God's word and presence.

A Family That Eats Together Stays Together

Feeding doesn't just take place spiritually but physically too. The group makes it a point to have dinner together every time they meet as they believe that sharing a meal together facilitates the sharing of their lives.

HEAR FROM US

"I was invited to attend a young adults' retreat at another church and was impressed by their network of small groups. As I talked to the other young adults at that retreat they shared how their small groups had helped them in their walk. At that point, I had not been in a small group for a few years. I asked God to show me a small group for me and I told Him I would accept the first invitation to join a small group made to me unconditionally. That weekend, Daniel Hum (photo: second row, left) invited me to join this small group. Being in this small group has given me a bunch of people to share my life and prayer concerns with. In addition to that, we spend time diving deeper into the Bible than I would in my personal quiet time."

--Daniel Gwee
(Photo: Back row, centre)

"Being in a small group has challenged me to change the way I think in certain aspects. I like how open and honest we can be as a group and I guess that is the only way that we can truly learn. I would definitely encourage all those who are not in a small group to find one. Being able to share my life with my small group has definitely been a very fulfilling and encouraging experience and I look forward more of this for many more years to come!"

--Guo Xiaorong
(Photo: First row, far right)

More about small groups at TMC can be found at www.tmc.org.sg/smallgroup.html Or contact Park Ming at parkming@tmc.org.sg, or through the church office.

Small Group @ Green Lane meets every fortnight on Wednesdays at Desmond and Sophia Loh's apartment at Green Lane (Tanjong Katong).