### I. GOD LOVES YOU and desires that you:

**1. Have eternal life with Him.**

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**2. Have an abundant and meaningful life.**

“Jesus said, ‘… I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.’” John 10:10

But most people aren’t experiencing a meaningful life and aren’t sure that they have eternal life because…

### II. Man has a SIN problem that SEPARATES him from GOD.

**1. Everyone has sinned. “**… For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God….” Romans 3:23 (also ESV, NIV)

**2. The penalty for sin is DEATH. “**For the wages of sin is death….” Romans 6:23 (also ESV, NIV)

The Bible talks about two kinds of death. The first death is physical. The second death is spiritual or eternal separation from God.

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **Second Death**.” Revelation 21:8

Because sin separates man from God, what is the solution to his problem?

### III. JESUS CHRIST is God’s ONLY way to heaven.

**1. He is the ONLY way. “**Jesus said… ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’” John 14:6

**2. He COMPLETELY PAID the penalty of your sins.**

“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God….” 1 Peter 3:18

**3. His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, the only Savior.**

“… Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord….” Romans 1:3-4

**4. He promises Eternal Life.**

“Jesus said … ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die….’” John 11:25-26

However, merely knowing what Jesus Christ has done for us is not enough.

### IV. We must place our FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST to save us.

**1. You are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

To be saved by faith means to TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE to save you. Good works are not the means to salvation; rather, they are the byproducts or evidence of your salvation.

**2. Prove the sincerity of your faith by turning away from a life of sin.**

“I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. A person who genuinely asks for forgiveness will seek to change his ways.” Acts 26:20 (NIV)

**God knows we are not perfect, but the sincerity of our faith will move us to live lives that show our gratitude to God for His free gift of heaven.**

**You can pray this simple prayer to express your faith in Jesus Christ and to receive Him into your heart as your Lord and Savior. You only have to pray this prayer once, but with sincerity, because when He enters your life, he will never leave you.**

**PRAYER:** ***Lord, Jesus Christ… I admit I am sinner, I confess and I repent of all my sins. I believe by faith that You, Jesus, died for my sins, You were buried and You rose again from the dead. I claim Your promise of forgiveness and accept Your gift of eternal life. I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, I thank You for forgiving my sins and I thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.***



Is there an area in your life that you want to change? Not a change of the outward, physical appearance, but a change inside? Have you asked yourself, how can I overcome my anger? What will help me stop worrying all the time? How can I remove bitterness in my heart? What must I do to be a better spouse? There are so many questions, and we want to hear only the right answer.

But many times, even though we may have the right answer, it is not enough to change us. W. Edwards Deming said, "Nothing changes without personal transformation." The truth is, only God can change us from within. He uses many ways to change us, and one of them is by belonging in a small group.

**God's blueprint for small groups.** Would you agree that deep inside all of us is a yearning to connect with other people? People today want to connect with others because they want to establish meaningful relationships. But the problem is many of those connections just lead to superficial relationships.

During the first century, Christians had such a difficult time trying to live for Jesus. Because of persecution, they were deeply troubled. So they got together and as believers and bonded into family fellowships.

It’s just as difficult to live for the Lord today. Disappointment, apathy, temptation, sin, materialism, uncommitted family and friends, rejection, doubts, fears, unanswered questions – all of these are obstacles in our desire to follow the Lord. But God has not left us alone: He has designed us to be in meaningful relationships with each other.

Our God is a God of relationships. When God created man, He said, *"It is not good for man to be alone"* (Genesis 2:18). We are created to share life together, need each other, the kind that you leave room for a pat in the back, a hug, a shared tear, a laugh, a prayer, encouraging word and love. Since it is hard to do that in a large congregation, God designed the small groups as a venue for us to practice this. God showed Moses the value of small groups (Exodus 18:13-14). Even Jesus did the same. From His many disciples, He chose twelve to be in His small group (Luke 6:13).

The early Church gathered in small groups, *"continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer"* (Acts 2:41-47). As they did, the "Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." God wants our church to always be growing larger and smaller at the same time. So that even if we’re thousands and thousands, still you feel connected to this body of believers because you’re connected to a smaller group, a smaller family of believers.

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**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ([ESV](http://www.esv.org))

God's benefits serving in a small group. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, *"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."* When you need help, when you are struggling, you have your small group to turn to.

During the Roman times, gladiators stuck together and faced battles together. Friends, we all have daily battles to face that come to us from all directions. We need our small group to watch out and pray for us. In our small group, we can serve each other. What does that mean? If today you are part of a small group and you faithfully attend, and you’re there to listen, to share, to interact, to laugh and to cry; if you’re there to participate, to discuss; if you’re there to pray with one another, encourage one another, then you are serving!

Take a look at some of the "one another" verses spread found all over the New Testament: Be devoted to one another. Give preference to one another. Accept one another. Bear one another. Confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another. Love one another. You can obey these commandments when you belong in a small group. *"Iron sharpens iron,"* says Proverbs 27:17. *"One man sharpens another."* It takes two to sharpen each other. There's going to be pain. Hurt and friction are involved. But God brings people into our lives to transform us to godliness. This only happens within a meaningful relationship with a small group of fellow believers. We all have blind spots and we can't improve if we're not told of this in an atmosphere of trust and care for our well-being. Who sharpens you today? Equally important, who are you sharpening?

In a small group, you can be real and allow your friends to hear about the difficulties you're going through. You study the Bible together and learn from each other. You become accountable to each other, especially in the area of sinful habits. You can pray for each other. You have a group of people you can trust with information you wouldn't normally share with just anyone. You can practice your spiritual gifts in small groups. You can share the Gospel to people together. Most importantly, in a small group, you can stoke a fiery passion for Jesus Christ in each other.

God’s blessings leading a small group. Proverbs 11:25 says, *"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."* There is so much blessing when you serve others! There are eternal rewards in investing your life in others. When we serve others, we become like Jesus. *"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28).

Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Three times Peter answered yes. Each time, Jesus told Peter to serve and take care of His sheep. If you are hesitant because you feel inadequate to lead a group, you can get training at CCF's Global Leadership Center.

The list to the blessings of belonging to a small group can grow longer and longer. Just listen to the thousands of testimonies of changed lives of people who serve others in a small group. But the biggest motivation for us to join a small group should be our love for the Lord, expressed in obedience to His will.

May you come to the Lord Jesus and pray this with sincerity from your heart: “God, here I am. My life may not be perfect but I’m here to serve You. Because of all that you’ve done for me, because I love you so much, I want to bring you glory and obey You. With Your help, I would like to my life to You in serving others.” I invite you to bow now and pray.

### CCF Vision Statement

Our vision is to see a movement of millions of committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in small groups, transforming: Lives, Families, Communities and Nations for the Glory of God!

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| 3:00-5:00 P.M. (Filipino) |
| 6:00-7:30 P.M. |
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