

Recognizing our Identity in Him

“For you were once darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”

Ephesians 5: 8-11

These few verses shout of God’s glory. God’s light makes what was once dark, beautiful. When we are taken into God’s light, we are children of light, not loved for our contributions but because of our inherent beauty. When we expose our fruitless deeds of darkness, only then can we understand the beauty of God’s love for us.

In the past 4 years, CCF has played a critical role in teaching me this. In my second year, rather than growing closer to God, I chose to chase idols. In doing this, I left my responsibilities at CCF and stopped connecting with the community. After God revealed my sins, I spent the next season of my life in shame. However when I returned to CCF, I was not only welcomed back into this community. I was invited to serve amongst you at winter retreat.

This invitation was something I did not believe I deserved. Your example of love and grace helped me to understand God’s love and grace. This has been the legacy of CCF. This community that we have is so strong because we seek to show one another the one thing we all have in common: belonging to God as beloved children.

My vision for CCF is that we continue to build each other up and help each other recognize our identity in God and how He changes our lives. To help each other not look at our sin in shame but recognize it as an opportunity to see the glory of God work in us.

This is the starting point of being a missional fellowship. After seeing the Gospel changing our lives, only then can we have a confidence that the Gospel needs to be shared. He established this fellowship with the purpose of changing the lives of students within this campus and He has given us the privilege to partner with Him to see that this happens. Therefore, let us be children of God who radiate the light He shines on us to our friends on our respective campuses, praying for them together and supporting each other to share the Gospel with them.

With this vision, it would be my joy to be able to serve as social coordinator to help create an atmosphere at CCF that seeks to know God and know our value in Him. Potential practical implementations include:

- Using retreats and ministries as a tool strengthen to our bond with God and each other as well as bring up young leaders to know their value in the Kingdom.
- Using prayer nights based upon the book of Psalms as a way to respond to God in ways that recognizes His love for us.
- Promoting a culture of sharing in our fellowship to allow God to show us how He’s been working in each other’s lives.