

# Reflections of the Light

What is the purpose of a campus fellowship? At its heart, CCF is to be a community of believers that witnesses for Christ. Throughout the past year, we have grown to recognize the campus as a missions field ripe for harvest. Here, we are labourers who partake in the harvest that God has prepared for us together. We as a fellowship are realigning our vision to Jesus' commission. But often we still feel held back, reluctant or uncomfortable to live our faith outwards. I hope that this year, we can journey together to discover our identities in Christ, and reflect his light so that the campus can see who Jesus is through us.

Jesus gives us living hope and promise of salvation through the love he showed on the cross. By faith in Jesus we are given a new identity which is defined by this love. We are in union with Christ, and therefore we are to be like Christ. Whoever Christ was in character and action is who we imitate in character and action, too. Therefore, this is a journey to discover who Jesus is and who we are because of him.

But why aren't we more like Christ? Sometimes we fear failure, inadequacy, or rejection; sometimes we doubt our identity; and sometimes it is our apathy which inhibits us from living with all of Christ's character. These stumbling blocks come from a deep-rooted reliance in ourselves. We try hard to believe in God's promise, to be "good enough", to grasp our identity in Christ all by ourselves. Our attempt to change through our own strength is a fruitless labour. However, we are not alone, since Jesus has sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in us. We are free to live out Christ's character through actively surrendering to be filled and led by the Spirit. The Spirit drives out and replaces the fear in our hearts. It reminds us that Christ's love is present in us and we are in union in him. He helps us realize the true worth of our identity in Christ.

By abiding in Christ and being led by the Spirit, our Christ-given identity has an impact to the world around us. In our relationships, our academics, our extracurriculars, Jesus's light can shine out for others to see. And our fellowship is united by this same Spirit. Christ's character is shown in our community which loves one another and works together with one mind and purpose. So, as individuals and as a fellowship, we put Jesus on display. Brothers and sisters, let us together be witnesses on campus as we reflect who Jesus is!