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The hot morning sun shone down and the buzzing of cicadas filled the air. At the wave of a yellow flag, Trinitarians set off, leaving the pruned greenery of Hort Park for a trek into more unruly forest growth. It's "Escape to the Ridge", a Young Adult Event held on 1 May 2009, Labour Day.

In their various teams, participants trekked from Hort Park, past Henderson Wave to the end of Marang Trail, near VivoCity. Some participants were grouped together with their cell members, while others saw new faces in their teams. "The trek's a good time to gather together, to bond," said Eunice Tan from West, Trinity@Paya Lebar.

Along the way, there were stops at various stations to play games. There were three stations. At the first station, participants got to get in touch with nature (literally) when they had to collect leaves, branches, caterpillars and various other creepy-crawlies as part of their scavenger hunt. At the second station, participants played the "Broken Telephone" game. Screams and shouts of excitement could be heard at the third station as members from opposing teams raced to be the first team to occupy five spaces in a row on the Tic-Tac-Toe template marked out on the ground in "Five in a Row!", a game that was a combination of "Dog and Bone" and "Tic-Tac-Toe". "The games were refreshing," said Emily Wee from South district, Trinity@Paya Lebar. "It may seem like [just a] scavenger hunt but actually when you do it with a different group of people, it's very fun. I'm with a new group of people and got a chance to work with them."

It has often been said that one should aim not only to begin well, but also to finish well. And how better to finish a trek under the hot sun than with the icy sweetness of ice-cream on one's lips? Crunchy organic apples were also up for grabs at the finishing line, to please the health-conscious.

At the close of the event, Pastor Larry highlighted that the objective of having this Young Adult event was to create a platform that would encourage unity and fellowship among young adults so that together, they could make a difference for the kingdom of God. Said Calvin Koh from West, Trinity@Adam: "It's a bit tiring, but it's very good to unite a lot of people [through such an event]. I think the organising committee did a good job."



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234 young adults fled to the Southern Ridges to catch panoramic views of the city, appreciate unique flora and fauna, and break out from the humdrum of urban life. Quek Yan Ying recounts the escapade.

