I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Plan one to two icebreakers for the purpose of mixing around and getting group participation or getting acquainted.

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prayerfully choose a few songs to lead people into God’s presence. During this time, cell leaders will encourage cell members to listen to the Holy Spirit and release the words of strengthening, encouragement, and comfort they have received for the cell group, the church and nations. Upon each word shared, the cell leader will lead members by thanking and praising God for His promise and/or praying aloud together for the needs, etc.

During this time, the cell leader will also lead the group to pray aloud for: (1) the mission organization or daughter church that the cell group adopts (2) the church ministry needs (3) blessings for new comers, the sick.

MISSION ORGANIZATION: ______________, their needs: ______________

(Please contact the church if you don’t know the needs of the mission organization.)

CHURCH MINISTRY:
4/6 Good Friday Service @ 7:30pm at Emmanuel Chapel
4/8 Easter Sunday & Prayer walk

III. WORD, 45 mins.
A. Sharing from last Sunday’s message.
1. What is the main message from last Sunday sermon? What did God say to you from the message?
2. How would you respond to the message? What action will you take after listening to the message?

B. Discussion Topic: “Heaven and Earth”

| Scriptures: 2 Colossians 3:2 |
| Memory Verse: Set your minds on the things above, not on earthly things. (2 Colossians 3:2 NIV) |

Biblical contrasts:
The Holy Scriptures tend to bring sharp feelings to readers by using simple sentences of contrast, for example:

- He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. (Hosea 6:1)
- The punishments that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)
- The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (Romans 6:10)
- For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Cor. 4:17)

Find the contrasting nouns below:

- Of the Spirit: ______________
- The Law: ______________
- Flesh: ______________
- Christ: ______________

Sheer distinctions exist:

Bible says:
- Do not love the world (1 John 2:15)
- Do not set your minds on earthly things (Colossians 3:2)

Nevertheless, if we don’t strive to earn money, we can hardly be able to sustain our life. If we don’t cherish our reputation, we will go idle and lead an aimless life. Obviously we need to work in order to keep the family. We have chores to run and worldly engagements which cannot be avoided. Then how can we stop setting our minds on earthly things?

The following statements try to provide insights:

1. Do not focus too much on earthly things.
2. Do not forget the things above because of the things on earth.

3. Earthly things are temporary; they shouldn’t become our goal.

4. Maintain a simply life style so that one can spare more time and effort pursuing spiritual things.

5. Give profound meaning to the things above.

6. Live our earthly life with a divine attitude.

7. Though we live in the world, we are out of the world.

8. Share your choices or your viewpoints.

As above as the heaven from the earth:

Verses in 2 Cor. 4:16-18 indicate the differences:

- Outwardly wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.
- Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
- We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.
- What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Contrasts from 1 Cor. 15:42-49:

- Dishonor vs. glory
- Perishable vs. imperishable
- Natural body vs. spiritual body
- Earthly vs. heavenly

In view of the listed contrasts above, which is more valuable?

But then why there are still so many Christians choose to follow the patterns of the world?

The wisdom to live in between Heaven and Earth:

Choose between the 2 different life attitudes, and explain why:

1. A. If there is an opportunity, I would like grab it to make a big fortune, which I can offer to the Lord.
   B. I would rather keep a simple life style, and walk with the Lord with a clean heart.

2. A. If I become famous and therefore influential, I can make better testimony for the Lord.
   B. Once fame arrives, burdens ensue. One might speak more discreetly than sincerely. Any ordinary person can testify for the Lord as pleased.

3. A. The political arena is full of darkness. It is better for Christians to refrain from getting involved, in order to keep ourselves un tarnished.
   B. Christians are obliged to take part in the political sphere. We should make Laws or administrate the public with justice.

4. A. The God-loving Christians mind the things above more than things on earth. Instead, they should correct themselves to mind the things on earth too.
   B. Too much attention has been given to earthly things, yet little to the things above. Therefore, for those who set their mind on things above, just let them stay focused as they are. With limited time and resources, it is quite impossible to become good on both.

Prayers:

Dear Lord, we thank you and praise your name, for you have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. Though we still live in this world, we don’t belong to it. Dear Lord may your Spirit guide and teach us, so that we may know how to live an earthly life as though we were in the Heaven, and our hearts can be turned to you. As long as it is a position you place us in, we have to learn the secret of being content, no matter we are in plenty or in need, in high or in low. In any circumstance we want to make every effort to please you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen!

IV. WORK (Pray for each other), 10 mins.

Please break into group of 2 or 3 to pray for each other’s needs.