Topical Study - Facing Troubles
May 10-11, 2012

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:
5/20-6/17 Equipping Class: Live to Give by Wayne Myers
6/22-24 Ling Leung Conference, online registration: www.rolcc.net/llc

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: “Facing Troubles”

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Memory Verse: But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

(2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV)
7. An outer difficulty always refines one’s inner quality.

Discussion Questions:

1. **How would you help a new believer whose family all turned against him and even threatened to disown him?**

2. **Is there any great trouble you experienced later turned out to be greatly beneficial to your life? Please share your experience.**

3. **People sometimes get too involved in a situation and become confused. What is the best you can do to face the reality and deal with it with determination?**

4. **If you had tried all the best you can but the difficulty is still there. What guidelines can you follow to help you decide if you should give in or keep working on it?**

5. **There are 2 prayer approaches while we are in trouble. “Lord, be gracious to me, show me a path and open a door for me.” Or “Lord, give me the strength to overcome the difficulties.” Which approach do you prefer better? Why?**

6. **If you have an opponent who created tons of troubles to you. What would be the best way to change the situation?**

7. **Have everyone in the cell group share the troubles he/she recently faced. Get other cell group members to provide constructive input and encouragement. Have them pray for each other at the end.**

Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank you and we praise you. Lord, though you did not grant everyday to be a nice and happy day, you did promise that your grace is sufficient for us. When we are in trouble, you are with us. You desire to be our comforter and helper. Disregard what kind of difficulties we are in, you know all along what needs to be done. We understand that it’s your will to draw us near to you. So Lord, please help us to come forward to you, receive your abundant love and grace, and accept the help of your countenance. We truly believe that your help will come during the tempest of our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

II. **WORK (Pray for each other), 10 mins.**

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