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:
1. Equipping Class: Power of prayer @ 1pm every Sunday, room G5
2. Intern Cell Leader Training: 9/15 @ 9:30am, room G10
3. Leader’s Retreat: 10/12-13
4. Mission Conference: 10/19-21, Cindy Jacob

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 have you applied the message to your life this week?

B. Discussion Topic: “Living By Faith”

Memory Verse: And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

(Hebrews 11:6)

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead —since he was about a hundred years old —and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:19-21

For we live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

The ultimate goal of the Christian Life is to please God. Pleasing God is accomplished by faith, not by works. In fact, without faith it is impossible to please Him. This lesson will focus on faith lessons from the life of Abraham.

1. Faith faces the problem, but focuses on the promise.

   Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God...

   Romans 4:20

   • Abraham did not deny the fact that he was too old to father a child.

   Questions
   - How did Abraham face the fact without weakening his faith?
   - What causes faith to weaken?
   - What causes faith to grow stronger?

   • It is important to face the facts, and at the same time focus on the promises.

   Questions
   - What happens if we face the facts and forget the promise?
   - What happens if we focus on the promise and pretend the facts do not exist?
2. Faith believes that God is able to fulfill His promise.

Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised…

- Abraham was fully persuaded that God had enough power to fulfill His promise.

   Question
   - What is the difference in being fully persuaded and partially persuaded?

3. Faith believes that God is willing to fulfill His promise.

By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

- The first essential to faith is being convinced that God is able to fulfill His promise. The second essential is to believe that He is willing.

   Question
   - What happens to our faith if we believe that God is able, but we are not sure He is faithful to all His promises?

4. Faith believes that God is a rewarder.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Personal Application

Part 1
- What promises are you holding on to, but for which you have not yet seen an answer?
- What facts do you have to face that stand in the way of the promises of God in your life?
- Is your faith growing stronger or weaker?

Part 2
- Are you earnestly seeking God? How?
- Do you believe God will reward you?