Lesson 12 - Bear wonderful testimonies for the Lord (II)
January 31 - February 1

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:
1/13-3/17: Sunday Equipping Class – Supernatural Living @ 1:45-3:15pm
2/2: Men’s Conference
2/14: Single’s Valentine Party
March: Holy Spirit month
3/1-3/2: Holy Spirit Conference
3/23: Financial Management Seminar

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: Bear wonderful testimonies for the Lord (II)

Foreword: 2013 is here, which is another brand new beginning. Let’s have great expectation for God, and believe that God will expand territories in all areas of our lives and pour down the anointing of Increase abundantly on us. Let’s also receive God’s blessing by faith and allow gifts of the Holy Spirit and mighty power of God’s words work in our church, cell groups, families and personal lives, so that we can bear holy and wonderful testimonies.

1. Bear testimonies with our lives (1Tim 6:11-12):
To fight the good fight of the faith doesn’t mean to argue over knowledge of the faith, but to bear testimonies with our lives that require us to spend time on the fight and get sanctified in the process.

a. Passively:
Flee from temptations of money and lust. Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep us humble and sensitive to His reminders and guidance. Don’t fall into the enemies’ trap by thinking you are strong enough to be immune.

b. Actively:
Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness from above by all means. Be determined to remove anything bad that fails to please God from you life. On the other hand, welcome the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives to help us get renewed and live a holy life that pleases God.

2. Bear testimonies for the everlasting God (1Tim 6:13-16):

a. Believe that He is the only God (1Tim 6:15): “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” (Deuteronomy 6:4)

b. Believe that He is the omnipotent God (1 Tim 6:15): He is the King of kings and the Lord of Lords (Philippians 2:9-11)

c. Believe that He is the everlasting God (1 Tim 6:16a): “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8)
d. Believe that He is the invisible God (1 Tim 6:16b): Even though God is invisible, He always cares for us and rewards anyone who seeks Him in secret. (Matt 6:6)

e. Believe that He will come again (1 Tim 6:13-14): The Lord will come again. God’s children should be sober-minded, and bear wonderful testimonies while waiting patiently for His return.

3. **Bear testimonies that encourage others to lay good foundations (1 Tim 6:17-21)**

   a. Encourage others to solely rely on God (1 Tim 6:17): The Lord says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Luke 12:34) If you go after the uncertain wealth, your heart will be controlled by it. If you follow God, surely you will be able to enjoy everything from Him.

   b. Encourage others to do good (1 Tim 6:18-19): Follow God’s words and do what pleases Him. Be ready to help others to show God’s love and live a wonderful life that Christians are supposed to live.

   c. Encourage Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to his care (1 Timothy 6:20-21): It is also an encouragement for anyone in Christ to guard the spiritual life and the faith from God, and welcome the guidance and assistance from the Holy Spirit, so that we can stand firm in this wicked generation!

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is a testimony? What is the purpose for bearing a testimony? Why do we have to bear testimonies? Share your latest testimony.

2. What should we flee from as God’s people? What are the things you want to flee from but feel not strong enough to do so? How would you welcome the Holy Spirit to help you?

3. What should we seek as God’s people? Why is it so important to seek these?

4. Share what kind of God we believe in based on today’s passage.

5. What did Paul remind Timothy to encourage those rich people to pay attention to? Why? How would you spread the Gospel to people richer than you?

6. What has been entrusted to your care by God? How would you guard it and make accomplishment?

**Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus, We thank you and praise your name. From the beginning of the year to the end, you care for us every day. At the beginning of this new year, we commit our personal lives, families, cell groups and church to you. May you bless us with your abundant presence. May the Holy Spirit inside us guard us so we may please you and become the real light and salt in this generation. We will not only be blessed, but also manifest your great love and bear wonderful testimonies. Hear our pray in unison. We say this in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen!!

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

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