You Can Make A Different
March 8-9, 2013

(Cell Leader, please listen to the sermon on 2013 Mar. 3 in the website as you prepare for the Word. Go through the outline briefly but do not preach it. Then allow time for members to share and discuss the questions.)

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:
3/10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
3/29: Good Friday Service @7:30 in Emmanuel Chapel
4/7-6/2: Financial Peace University
4/26-27: Men’s Retreat (Theme: Becoming a Real Man). Registration starts 3/17

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: You Can Make A Different

Scriptures: Acts17:6-7, Acts1:8 (Please read Bible verses in turns)
Memorizing Verse: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NKJV)

Foreword: In the first chapter, Paul uses his own example to encourage Timothy to be faithful to the early church, and the believers were making great impact in their time and generation when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Apostle Paul and the disciples were referred to as those who “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6-7 NKJV).

1. God has given you Power
   A. POWER to Do, Acts 2:14
      God’s power enabled Peter to do what he couldn’t do before. He stood up and preached the gospel and 3,000 people were added to the church.

   B. POWER to Change, Acts 4:19-20
      God’s power also changed the lives of the disciples. God has transformed Peter and John into courageous and fearless witnesses.

   C. POWER to Be, 1 Timothy 1:15-16, Acts 9:1-2
      God created us in His own image and we are human “beings”, not human “doings”. It is more important to be than to do. To be is who you are; who you are determines what you do.
2. **You Are to Be Jesus’ WITNESSES:** The second word is WITNESSES. To be a witness, you need to see, hear, and experience what has taken place. When you and I accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, our lives have changed. The old has passed and the new has come.

   A. **BE the right person**
   
   God’s power helps you to be the right person. So, stop looking for Mr. Right or Miss Right. Start being the right man, the right woman, the right husband, the right wife, and etc.

   B. **BE Christ-like**
   
   To be a Christian is to be like a “little Christ”. People will be attracted to us when we live out the life of Jesus Christ; loving and kind, compassionate and gracious, merciful and forgiving.

   C. **BE Jesus’ WITNESSES,** Acts 4:13
   
   To be Jesus’ witnesses is not about how many degrees you may have; it is the fire and the zeal you have for Jesus. To be Jesus’ witnesses is not about being a superstar; it is about ordinary men and women living out the extraordinary lives through the power of the Holy Spirit; after you have spent time with Jesus.

3. **You are filled with the HOLY SPIRIT**
   
   A. **Jesus promised to give you HOLY SPIRIT,** John 16:7, 14:26
   
   Jesus knew that the disciples could not do what they did without the Holy Spirit. Jesus also knows that we can not do what He commands us without the Holy Spirit. So, He poured out the Holy Spirit to each one of the disciples on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:1-2.

   B. **Ask and you will receive HOLY SPIRIT,** Luke 11:3
   
   How do we receive the Holy Spirit today? Ask and it shall be given unto us. We ask because we are thirsty. We must ask in humility because without Holy Spirit, we have no power.

   C. **With the HOLY SPIRIT you can make a different,** John 14:12
   
   Apostle Paul and the disciples had turned their world upside down. You and I can turn our family upside down; you and I can turn our company upside down; you and I can turn our community and city upside down with the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. **What is the key factor that transformed Paul and the disciples to become the people who “turned the world upside down?” What kind of power?**

2. **God has given you the power of the Holy Spirit; what power do you need now to make a different in your life? Why?**

3. **What is a witness? How can you become an effective witness for Jesus?**

4. **How can you be filled with the Holy Spirit? Have you experience the filling of the Holy Spirit? When and how?**

**Note to Cell Leader:**

Please listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and His leading, if you are led to ask those who have not been filled with the Holy Spirit to receive Him, you can lead them with the song “Holy Spirit Thou art Welcome” and pray and ask the Holy Spirit to fill them. You can conclude this time with a closing prayer of thanksgiving.

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

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