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 churches 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:
3/17: Men’s Retreat Registration has started, only 3 weeks left to sign up!
3/29: Good Friday Service @7:30 in Emmanuel Chapel
3/31: Easter Celebration Service- Please invite your friends!
4/7-6/2: Financial Peace University- Video Seminar
4/26-27: Men’s Retreat (Theme: Becoming a Real Man)

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: Hearing The Voice of God

Scriptures: John 10:3-5, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Proverbs 8:34

Memorizing Verse: “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27 NIV)

How do you hear God’s voice?

1. Believe that you can hear God’s voice.
   Every born again believer has spiritual ears to hear the voice of God. Just like every newborn baby is born with ears, God has given every born again believer spiritual ears to hear and spiritual eyes to see. You can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. If you are truly born again in the spirit, then you are His sheep. In John 10:27, Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice.” You have the ability to hear God’s voice.

2. Have listening ears and an obedient heart.
   If we want to hear the voice of God, we must have listening ears. By listening ears, we are talking about people with humble, teachable, and obedient hearts. Listening ears is closely related to your heart conditions. Jesus gave a teaching on the parable of the sower to explain 4 heart conditions that people may have. The 4 heart conditions are hearts along the path, rocky hearts, thorny hearts or good hearts. These results of these hearts in hearing God’s word are described in Luke 8:4-8

Those along the path are the ones with busy hearts. God may be speaking to them, but they are not able to hear anything that is said. Those with rocky hearts are the ones that are not serious about God’s word. The word of God is just a theory or a suggestion to them. They are not serious about doing what God wants them to do. Those on the thorns are the ones that know the word of God but did not live out the word of God. They refuse to do what it says so the word is stuck among the thorns. Then it comes to those with good hearts. They are the ones with a humble heart. They are willing to obey the word of God as soon as they hear from the Lord. As a result, their lives are fruitful and productive. They bear much fruits.

3. Pay attention to God’s voice.
   To hear God’s voice, all you have to do is use your spiritual ears by paying more attention to God’s voice. You must pay attention to His voice. You need to focus your
ears to hear that special sound. When someone is talking to you, you can’t hear what he/she is saying while you are not working on your computer, reading emailing or playing with iPad etc.

God has a lot of things He wants to tell us but sometimes, we can not hear because we are too occupy, or pre-occupy, or did not value it. The moment that you can focus, tune your ears to God, pay attention to His voice, and then God begins to speak.

4. Listen in silence.
Be silent before God and concentrate inwardly to hear Him speaking to you in your heart. Shut down outside noises and inside noises and listen in silent and be still.

5. Ask Holy Spirit questions.
The effective way to know what someone is thinking is by asking the person questions. We can know what God wants for our lives by asking the Holy Spirit questions.

How does God speak?

1. Through His servants
God often speaks to us through His servants on Sunday, in cell meetings, prayer meeting etc. We must come with expectation and pay attention to what He wants to say to us every time we come before Him. Taking notes is highly recommended because it will help you realize God is talking to you about the same thing over and over again.

2. Through reading the bible
The bible is the word of God. God talks to use through the logo words of God. When we read the word of God, Holy Spirit makes the word coming alive and becoming personal to us. He shines the lights on the word that we need at that particular moment and speak the word right into our situation so that we feel comforted, we are strengthen and suddenly have confident to step out and move forward and understand His will and His plan in our lives. This is why having a consistent bible reading habit is so important in our relationship with God, because God speaks to us through our bible reading.

3. Through circumstances
God uses the circumstances to speak to us. He uses open doors and close doors to guide us. When the door is close, you need to come to seek the Lord and ask, “What are you doing, Lord?” When you ask, and seek, you will find. Knock and the right door will be opened to you again.

4. Through vision, dream, impression, feeling, senses
God can speak to us through visions, dreams, impressions and feeling of senses. You need to figure out the ways that God speaks to you.

How do you know if what you hear is from the Lord?

1. Repetition
2. Confirmation
3. Must be inline with the teaching of the bible
4. God often tells us to take bold actions.

Discussion Questions
1. What is distracting you from hearing God’s voice? What can you do to change it?
2. What are some things that you can do to hear God’s voice?
3. How often do you pay attention to His voice? In what way does God speak to you?
4. How did you know what you heard was from God? What’s your response? What is the result?

Prayer:
Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us the spiritual ears to hear Your voice. We long to hear Your voice. Please speak to us every day and give us listening ears to hear Your guidance and assignment in our lives. Teach us to be the useful vessel in Your hands and be led by the Holy Spirit. Help us to be aware of Your presence and Your voice when you speak. Change our hearts so that we can hear Your voice clearly and obey Your voice quickly. Draw us near to Your heart as we hunger to know You more. We want to hear your voice. Let us see Your glory come to us and our church this year. 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.