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.

A. MISSION ORGANIZATION: ________________, their needs: ________________

(B Please contact the church if you don’t know the needs of the mission organization.)

B. CHURCH MINISTRY:

C. New comer: ________________ Identify new comers before cell meeting.

Sick members, friends or relatives: ________________ Discuss how to show our cares.

III. WORD, 45 mins.
A. Sharing from last Sunday’s message.
1. What is the key message from last Sunday sermon? How God talks to you through the message?
2. How would you respond to the message? What action will you take after listening to the message?

B. Discussion Topic: You are the man of God

Being aware of the difficulties Timothy had to deal with ministering to the Ephesians church. Paul encourages the young follower not lose his heart in serving the Lord; neither should he be daunted by the sufferings for carrying out the Gospel. With a spirit of power, love and self-discipline, as well as the empowering Holy Spirit, he has to hold tight to the glorious gospel. To be a soldier of the Christ Jesus, to be a workman approved by God, and finally an instrument for noble purposes, useful to the Master. In this chapter, Paul gives special reminders to Timothy to beware of the wicked minds in the last days, and the schemes of Satan. He wants to make a point that those belong to God, who have part of His divine nature, must be steadfast in the Faith and the teachings of the Scripture, and eventually can live out the biblical truth and get prepared to do all good works.

1. Men of God be aware of the wicked minds in the last days (2 Tim 3:1-9):
   1. We are right at the “the last days” marked as “terrible times” as what is stated in the 3:1 “There will be terrible times in the last days.” We need to keep discerning and alert in telling what is evil. Thus we don’t lose our standing ground to any corruptions or temptations.

   2. Keep away from those “ungodly people”. Paul uses 20 consecutive comprehensive expressions to describe those ungodly at the last days. One can find the similar descriptions or statements of such people in the first chapter of the book of Romans: “People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.” (2 Tim 3:2-5)

   3. Expose and eject those who are against the truth (2 Tim 3:6-9): Since we are now at the final days, we can see the heresies or false teachings rampant, resisting God’s work in different form. There are false prophets and sorceries. Whatever they promote or they do will be revealed in the light of the Truth. Our job is to expose their lies by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Men of God need to live out God’s truth and be prepared for good works. (2Tim 3:10-17).

   1. Continue learning and be convinced of the teaching:

      1) My Teaching : The teaching of the truth
      2) My Way of life: To live out Jesus’ life
3) My Purpose: To glorify God is my final goal of life

4) Faith: Depend on God only.

5) Patience: With the capability to forgiveness and kindness

6) Love: Be filled with God’s love

7) Endurance: The character of perseverance in defense of evil attacks

“But as for you, continue what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it.” (2 Tim 3:14-15) Men of God need to put into practice what we have learned and repeat the process, since we too know from whom we have learned.

2. Be prepared for the persecution as the cost of holding the truth (2 Tim 3:11-15): When the end time is near, evilness prevails. There is a cost for holding to the truth. We need to live out the truth we have learned, which in contrast to the world value and moral standards. Conflicts are unavoidable. “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” As a consequence we have to prepare ourselves in this perspective. We resist the evils, persevere persecutions. God will keep us safe in times of difficulty.

3. Be convinced of the Holy Scripture and be prepared for good works. (2 Tim 3:11-13): The Scripture is God breathed. God reveals His idea through human hands, thoughts, emotions and finally is written down in words and letters.

The Scripture’s functions:

1) For teaching: Teaching for being good; teaching about things concerning God, such as His attributes, His thinking, His plan, as well as the sinful nature of humanity and the salvation we need. For rebuking: Pointing out the wrongdoings of humanity, for example: Sexual immorality, homosexuality, hatred and many other ungodly thoughts/behaviors.

2) For correcting: Reversing the wrongs and make things right again by turning to Jesus Christ.

3) For training in righteousness: Training, by practicing the truth and doing the right things.

The Bible is designed to help us. Men of God need to read it and to be equipped thoroughly. This means we come to understand the teaching of the good and the mistakes many make. Change the course if we did anything wrong. Stay in the right way as we can. Only when we behave like this, we can really serve the Lord, and be prepared to do all good works.

Discussion Questions:

1. List characteristics of those ungodly people. How do you keep them in distance?
2. What is the best strategy in dealing with heresies? How do you expose those who fight against the truth?
3. Please share with others what teaching of truth you have learned, you have been convinced of and you have kept in your heart, and even lived it out in your life.
4. The Bible is not for reading only; it also needs to be lived out. Discuss how to practice it in order to live out your best.
5. What can the cell group do in order to help out the community we live in?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, We thank you and praise your holy name. Thank you for uplifting us again by making us men of God. We pray that your Holy Spirit help us to prevent the last days’ dangers. Keep us away from those ungodly. Give us the deep conviction of your truth that we have learned, so that we can practice it every now and then. Give us a heart ready for any persecution because of your truth. We really want to be diligently study the Bible until we are thoroughly equipped, and ready for all good works. So please help us. Thank you. 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.